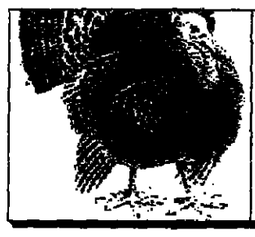
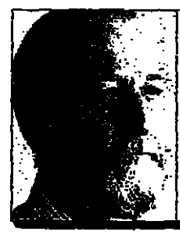
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Tories fear overseas pension fiasco

Major urged to retreat in new rebellion

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR is being urged by Cabinet colleagues to avoid another embarrassing parliamentary defeat by giving way to cross-party demands for the better treatment of 400,000 British pensioners living abroad.

The Government faces the prospect of a substantial backbench rebellion early in the new year as MPs try to rectify what they call the massive injustice suffered by people whose pensions are not updated if they move outside the European Union.

Senior Cabinet sources are suggesting that the Prime Minister should avoid a repeat of the VAT on fuel fiasco by indicating now that he is prepared to retreat.

By last night more than 150 MPs had signed a Commons motion, tabled by Winston Churchill, Tory MP for Davyhulme, demanding an end to discrimination against "the hero generation who saved the world from Hitler". The signatories include 60 Conservative MPs.

British pensioners in countries such as Australia, South Africa, Canada and New Zealand have their state pension payments frozen when they leave.

The Prime Minister faces a stark warning from senior Cabinet ministers that defeat would be almost certain if the campaigners are able to amend the new Pensions Bill when it comes before the Commons.

The Bill equalises the pensionable age of men and women at 65 and tightens the regulation of company schemes in the wake of the Maxwell scandal. The MPs believe that it will provide an opportunity to change the law.



Churchill: demands an end to discrimination

The ministers say concessions are also necessary for electoral reasons. Many pensioners living abroad still have the right to vote in Britain, and Conservative Central Office has launched a big campaign to trace former supporters. The Government has also been embarrassed by complaints from foreign governments about supporting British pensioners.

The readiness of some Cabinet ministers to concede so early is a recognition of the new parliamentary arithmetic. The Government's majority has fallen as a result of by-elections in the past two years, and nine MPs are no longer taking the whip after the revolt over the European Finance Bill.

Kenneth Clarke was backed by the Cabinet in pressing ahead with the attempt to impose the second stage of VAT on fuel in spite of a warning from Richard Ryder, the Chief Whip, that he was in danger of defeat. However, the Chancellor thought defeat preferable to a strongly adverse reaction from the markets if he gave way in advance.

According to the Department of Social Security, upgrading would cost £230 million a year. But the MPs want to compensate people who have suffered for many years, bringing the total up to £500 million.

Mr Churchill said that several who retired 30 years ago when the pension was £4.50 a week are still receiving that sum. "They are effectively being cheated by the British Government out of £54 per week, which they have contributed towards throughout a lifetime's work," he said. "They are the people the Prime Minister expressed such admiration for at the time of the D-Day commemorations. To think that they, in their old age, should have the most desperate financial worries is not only sad, it is disgusting."

Sir Andrew Bowden, MP for Brighton Kemptown and another leading signatory, said: "This is a fundamental injustice. Surely you should get the full pension whether you live in Scotland or Canada."

He added that although the Government might not be able to find the full £500 million now it should start putting matters right. "If we accept the principle of uprating for next year we can then start think about putting right some of the past injustices."



DAN CHUNG

Ian Pearson and his wife, Annette, hoping for a taste of Labour victory in the Dudley West by-election last night

Labour celebrates the scent of victory

BY JOHNATHAN PRYNN

LABOUR looked set for an easy victory in the Dudley West by-election last night in spite of indications of a low turnout.

With opinion polls pointing to a lead over the Tories of up to 50 per cent, the Labour candidate, Ian Pearson, seemed certain to achieve the 4.1 per cent swing needed to snatch back a seat that has been Tory since 1979. At the last general election the Conservatives held Dudley West with a majority of 5,789.

Tory campaigners drafted in party activists from all over the country to help out on polling day at the end of a low key campaign overshadowed by the dramatic recent events at Westminster.

Defeat for the Tories would reduce John Major's Commons majority to just 13 even assuming the support of the nine rebel backbenchers who no longer take the Tory Whip. It will also be the 29th consecutive Tory by-election loss.

The poll, caused by the death of Dr John Blackburn following a heart attack in October, was being contested by ten parties including two fighting on the issue of Britain's withdrawal from the European Union.

Chechens welcome Yeltsin peace move

BY RICHARD BERSTON AND ANATOL LIEVEN

PRESIDENT Yeltsin of Russia last night offered an olive branch to the leader of the breakaway republic of Chechenia, extending a deadline for the disarming of Chechen fighters by 48 hours and proposing new peace talks to avert all-out war.

The move appeared to be welcomed in the Chechen capital, Grozny, where General Dzhokhar Dudayev, the besieged leader, agreed to high-level contacts, but insisted that Moscow first withdraw its 10,000-man force.

President Yeltsin said that the deadline would be extended to midnight tomorrow "to minimise the use of force which could bring victims among the peaceful population". He said also that he would send a high-level delegation to the Caucasus if Gen Dudayev agreed to negotiate in person.

"If illegal armed formations cease firing, I will consider it a manifestation of goodwill and the first step towards restoration of peace and legality in the Chechen republic," Mr Yeltsin added. He suggested that, as an alternative to fighting, elections should be held in the republic.

In Grozny, Gen Dudayev replied: "The Chechen Government thinks it is extremely important to end the fighting, withdraw Russian troops from Chechenia and start immediate talks at the highest level without precondition."

President Yeltsin's remarks provided the first indication for days that the Russian side is willing to compromise as its forces continue to close in on Grozny and engage Chechen fighters in skirmishes.

It is widely believed that President Yeltsin's peace offering was in response to growing criticism by politicians, the press and public of his use of force. The presence in Moscow of an American delegation, headed by Vice-President Al Gore, may have influenced the timing of his gesture.

An opinion poll published in *Komsomolskaya Pravda* yesterday showed that 58 per cent of Russians were against sending troops into the republic, and only 22 per cent approved.

Clashes continued sporadically throughout the day as Russian troops inched their way towards Grozny and seized a strategic mountain range near the capital.

According to medical sources in Grozny, at least 18 Chechens have died in five days of fighting. The Russians said they had lost 15 soldiers.

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£500,000 fine for Granada TV plugs

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BROADCASTING regulators have fined Granada Television £500,000 for plugging brand-name products in its *This Morning* show, presented by Richard Madeley and his wife Judy Finnigan.

Executives at the ITV station said last night that they were "flabbergasted" by the size of the penalty imposed by the Independent Television Commission. The fine is the first imposed on a TV company by the regulator since the commission and the Radio Authority were given the power to levy fines by the Broadcasting Act of 1990.

A spokesman for Granada said: "We are very surprised and disappointed that the [commission] has chosen to impose a sanction which seems out of proportion to the nature of the original offence."

The fine relates to a cookery competition in October which was said to be "in conjunction" with *She* magazine and the Safeway supermarket chain. The commission's rules prohibit any sponsorship of viewer competitions. The commission also cited seven other occasions in 1993 and 1994 when *This Morning* gave undue prominence to brand-name goods, including products from Calvin Klein, Heinz and Lady Remington.

Granada admitted last night that it had broken the rules on sponsorship and undue prominence, but added that the eight offences represented "an isolated lapse of editorial judgment, which generated no viewer complaints and from which Granada gained no commercial benefit".

Granada has been given 28 days to pay the fine, which is only about 10 per cent of the maximum that applies to the offence. It could have been made to pay £4.7 million. The company may seek to have the amount reduced.

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Blair wants checks on boardroom pay

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND ROSS TIEMAN

BOARDROOM pay in the privatised utilities should be regulated, Tony Blair demanded yesterday as the Government was thrown onto the defensive by the contrast between a big rise for the chief executive of British Gas and proposed wage cuts for its showroom staff.

In an acrimonious clash in the Commons, the Labour leader said the 75 per cent rise for Cedric Brown and the proposed average 16 per cent pay reduction for 2,300 sales assistants was "offensive to the British sense of justice".

Mr Major slammed his papers down on the despatch box. He effectively accused the Labour leader of seeking to resurrect a private sector wages policy. Mr Blair was being "wholly inconsistent" in protesting about a gas monopoly one day, then denouncing the company's efforts to adapt to competition. "The reality is that you just oppose the private sector," the Prime Minister retorted.

Mr Blair said that the regulators for the gas, water, electricity and telecommunications industries should be given the power to intervene where they judged that rises were excessive. He then wrote to the Prime Minister quoting figures showing that the average annual pay increase for the British Gas chairman since privatisation was 20 per cent against 7 per cent for the economy as a whole.

Downing Street officials immediately brushed aside his proposal. "Regulators regulate prices, not pay," an aide to the Prime Minister said. Mr Blair said it was time Mr Major "took a grip on these privatised utilities" with Mr Brown set to earn more in a week than his employees, facing job and wage cuts.

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Bathsheba, passion and Peres stir anger in Israel

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

KING DAVID'S notorious passion for Bathsheba echoed down the centuries to threaten the stability of Israel's Labour Government yesterday when three religious parties tabled no-confidence motions after Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, allegedly denigrated his character.

The bizarre row started during a raucous Knesset debate on this year's award of the Nobel Peace Prize. Mr Peres, one of the chief architects of the accord with the Palestinians, defended his dovish view of Judaism by telling ultra-Orthodox deputies that he did not agree with David's affair.

At one point the Knesset physician had to be called when one detractor collapsed. The Foreign Minister later took the unusual step of issuing a statement, claiming that he had not intended to denigrate King David or offend religious Jews.

The polemics began when Mr Peres offered his definition of Judaism to right-wing opposition parties. "Does Judaism say you should occupy another nation, is it in favour of repressing another nation?" he asked pointedly.

Religious deputies, who have long despised Mr Peres's secular approach, retorted that he should remember Yehoshua Bin-Nun who had led the Children of Israel over the River Jordan. It was at this point that Mr Peres uttered the remarks that shocked religious Jews for whom King David is an unassailable hero.

"Not everything that King David did, on the ground, on the rooftops is acceptable to a Jew, or is something I like," Mr Peres responded in what was considered a snide reference to David's affair.

The row comes at a bad time for the Government when Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, needs support from religious deputies for his coalition. Mr Rabin himself is under fire from ultra-Orthodox elders for allegedly eating non-kosher food in public.

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In a bewildering world, a gas bill is perfectly understood by all

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

It's a bewildering world for us all, and that includes MPs. It's a frustrating world for the best of us, and that includes PMs. But just once in a while an issue arises which MPs really understand: it did yesterday. And once in a while an individual arises on whom a PM can really take out his frustrations: he did yesterday.

It was the last PM's Questions before Christmas. Festive spite crackled in the air as the House tottered towards its seasonal recess. Questions to the Chancellor taxed intellects and nothing infuriates backbenchers more.

They see Kenneth Clarke blustering away about the money supply: they suspect he is making it up, but they lack the expertise to challenge him. Everyone knows there must be *something* you could ask Mr Clarke that would floor him, but nobody knows what.

Labour's Jack Thompson (Wansbeck) decided to tell us that it is colder in the North of England than in the South. The 30,046 electors of Wansbeck who returned Mr Thompson to Westminster to represent them will be pleased to know what wisdom he brings from Northumberland.

Airily, Clarke disputed even this, describing Thompson's statement as an oversimplification. Is there no limit to the presumption of this Nottingham barrister, turned Chancellor of the Exchequer, turned Westminster weatherman?

So MPs tried another tack. How could Mr Clarke justify a massive salary increase for the Chairman of British Gas, when the company was cutting wages to its salesmen?

They don't know a lot, MPs, and they don't want the bother of finding out. In this they resemble their countrymen. They don't know how gas is formed beneath the Earth's surface, or how you would actually find it or bring it ashore. Few could mend a gas leak, a number would be hard put to operate a gas stove, and there are some who could not read a gas meter.

Only a minority could digest with any understanding the company reports of a gas undertaking. One in a hundred of them would be capable of running such a business, or any business.

But they all know, what you know, and I know, and what the Chairman of British Gas apparently does not know, that whacking up your own salary while cutting your employees' wages, and leaving their yearly earnings equal to your weekly earnings, makes flipping awful *headlines*. Labour MPs were right in there yesterday, making them.

Even Tony Blair got in on the act, at PM's Questions. Undeterred by the fact that almost nobody had asked the Chancellor about anything but gas, and the first question from one of Blair's own backbenchers, Barbara Roche, had been about gas, the Labour leader asked about gas, too. He asked about gas in fine style, and came back to gas in fine style, and returned to ask about gas a third time, in fine style — and leaves for his hols in confident good order.

None of which pleased Mr Major, who plainly agrees with Mr Blair, and plainly cannot say so. The PM looked ready to kick the cat.

Something better than the cat arose. The leader of the Liberal Democrats asked about Bosnia. To most of us it sounded a thoughtful enquiry. To Mr Major it sounded the signal for attack, not on the Serbs, but on Mr Ashdown. He tore a strip of the Liberal leader in the tones of a bullying housemaster: "if you understood a little more you might say a little less".

John Major, too, departs for Christmas in spiky form. As for the rest, they don't know much: but they know what they think about gas.

Heseltine at bay in row over MoD air fleet

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine is fighting a rearguard action in Cabinet to rescue plans for a European-made military transport plane.

The President of the Board of Trade is battling to scale down a recommendation from Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, that Britain buy as many as thirty American Hercules aircraft to upgrade the RAF transport fleet. Mr Heseltine believes that if the order can be cut back it will strengthen the case for a later go-ahead for the Future Large Aircraft (FLA), seen by him as critical to protecting Britain's aerospace industry and building a European aircraft industry to rival the Americans. He has some backing within the Cabinet and from Tory MPs with a strong constituency interest in keeping the European option afloat.

The row adds another dimension to Cabinet trouble over Europe. There are signs of increasing tensions over John Major's moves towards a referendum on the future of the European Union. Kenneth Clarke is among the ministers opposed to a referendum. They are even more concerned that the early announcement of one could aggravate the internal Tory battle.

Mr Heseltine has been arguing that the existing 60-strong Hercules fleet should be refurbished rather than replaced, pending the development of the European option. He has warned colleagues that buying the American planes now could jeopardise plans for the FLA, and is insisting that some guarantees are given to help the design and development of the plane.

Mr Rifkind is said to have Treasury backing for the plans to order more Hercules and was said to be furious when told by a sub-Cabinet committee last week to go back to review his proposals. It is understood that part of the issue is the number of planes being ordered. It is possible that some of the planes may be refurbished as part of a compromise.

British Aerospace, which will play an important role in developing the new European aircraft, has also offered to refurbish the existing fleet at minimal cost. The company claims Britain would lose £7 billion of business and put thousands of jobs at risk if the FLA is not selected.

The MoD argues that at least 30 of the fleet need replacing immediately and that they cannot afford to wait till the FLA comes into operation after the turn of the century. Mr Rifkind has opposed refurbishing the planes and pointed out that 36 British companies have won a 15 per cent stake in the American Hercules programme.

Although the MoD concedes that the FLA is still an option in the longer term, it is not prepared to make an early commitment to a plane which has not been developed. Nevertheless, after pressure from President Mitterrand, Mr Rifkind has agreed to join an Anglo-French study group to examine FLA development and British participation.

Sources close to Mr Heseltine denied that the issue was "another Westland". In 1986 he resigned as Defence Secretary over a dispute about rival US and European rescue packages for the Yeovil-based helicopter firm. Downing Street was claiming that both options could be accommodated.



Supporters surround John Bruton as he leaves Leinster House yesterday. Now he must win over Sinn Fein

New Taoiseach has slim majority but broad support for peace agenda

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

JOHN BRUTON, the leader of Ireland's Fine Gael party, was elected Prime Minister yesterday, ending the five-week political crisis in Dublin which stalled the Ulster peace process.

The new Taoiseach declared that Northern Ireland would be at the top of his agenda after he was elected in the Irish Parliament (Dail) with the backing of Labour and the small Democratic Left party. He won the support of 85 of the Dail's 166 MPs, which gives the new coalition Government a majority of just four.

Dick Spring, the leader of the Labour party, who precipitated the crisis last month when he resigned from his coalition with Fianna Fail, was reappointed as Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. John Major wrote to Mr Bruton yesterday to say that he looked forward to an early meeting on the framework document which will form the basis for the resumption of talks on the future of Northern Ireland. The Prime Minister told the Commons: "Clearly it is desirable to recontinue the political dialogue as soon as possible. I am confident that the new Irish Government will wish to sustain together the work we have done over Northern Ireland."

Mr Bruton, 47, told the Dail yesterday that promoting peace in Northern Ireland would be his first aim. He said: "We are going to work ceaselessly and sensitively to make peace a permanent part of the future — the children born into a land of peace, reconciliation and mutual respect." However, Sinn Fein will regard his election with alarm. Mr Bruton has been vehemently critical of the IRA, and republicans regard him as a Unionist. Gerry Adams, who will have his first encounter with the new Taoiseach at today's meeting of the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation in Dublin, called on the new Government to pick up where Albert Reynolds left off.

His comments underlined Sinn Fein's unease at the new Government, which the party regards as the worst possible coalition. Republicans said Mr Bruton would have to work to dispel their fear that he was pro-Unionist. Unionists gave a guarded welcome to the election of Mr Bruton who has argued for the amendment of articles 2 and 3 of the Irish constitution, which lay claim to the territory of Northern Ireland. Peter Robinson, the deputy leader of the Democratic Unionists, said that Mr Bruton had a greater understanding of Unionism than other members of the Dail. His views on the Irish constitution were a "promising backcloth" to his term in office, Mr Robinson added.

David Trimble, Ulster Unionist MP for Upper Bann, said that he would reserve judgment on Mr Bruton after the Taoiseach appeared to modify his position on the constitution in the Programme for Government agreed by the new coalition. This said that the parties were committed to a "balanced constitutional change" — a reiteration of Mr Reynolds's insistence that the constitution could be amended only in return for concessions from Britain.

Minister unveils £1bn environment boost

The Government is to spend nearly £1 billion promoting more environmentally friendly alternatives to travelling by car, such as cycling, walking and public transport. Councils bid annually for funding and credit lines under the Department of Transport's supplementary grant scheme. In the past these have been used mainly to build and maintain roads and bridges.

Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, has specifically favoured local authority transport schemes which plan increased pedestrianisation, traffic calming, cycle routes, bus priority lanes, park and ride schemes and light rail projects in preference over road-building schemes.

But the British Road Federation accused the Treasury and the transport secretary of starving Britain's roads of vital funds.

Lottery investigation

The Press Complaints Commission is to investigate methods used by newspapers to discover the identity of the winner of last Saturday's £17.8 million National Lottery jackpot. The commission is expected to seek evidence from newspaper editors, the lottery operator Camelot, the game's regulator Ofiot, and possibly from the winner himself.

Jews seek security cash

Jewish leaders are seeking Home Office grants towards electronic security equipment to protect schools against terrorist attacks. According to today's *Jewish Chronicle*, the Home Secretary has told the Board of Deputies of British Jews that an application for cash from a £2 million government crime prevention initiative would be considered.

Death rate discrepancy

Twice as many patients die after a heart attack or stroke in some hospitals as in others, official figures show. The death rate within 30 days at 31 Scottish NHS trusts varies from 15 per cent to 30 per cent for heart attacks and 17 per cent to 32 per cent for strokes. Doctors say the figures do not reflect the severity of cases dealt with.

Surplus blood for sale

The new National Blood Authority has confirmed that it is considering exporting blood products given freely by donors. But a spokesman said only plasma products of which Britain had a surplus would be sold to countries such as Germany. Any income would be ploughed back into the life-saving service, he said.

Shuttle hits false note

There was further embarrassment for the Channel Tunnel operators yesterday when one of the Le Shuttle locomotives, having been named by the opera star Placido Domingo, developed a brake problem. After checks were made it moved off on the journey from Folkestone to Calais 35 minutes late.

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Defector says KGB hired agents to tell lies

BY ANDREW PIERCE

KGB agents of influence were hired in London to spread deliberate lies about the strength of nuclear weapons on British soil, the Soviet defector Oleg Gordievsky said yesterday.

Mr Gordievsky, a central figure in the unmasking of Richard Gott, a senior executive on *The Guardian*, said the disinformation campaign was highly successful.

"The KGB invented a number of lies about the role of Western medium range Cruise missiles being installed," he said on *The Moral Maze* on BBC Radio 4. The same lies were told, through the agents of influence, about the capability of Pershing missiles in Germany.

"There were lies about their supposed objective. There were lies about their short time of flight to Moscow," he said. By ensuring agents of influence, such as journalists, exaggerated their destructive powers, the peace movement in Britain, which was centred around Greenham Common, gathered momentum.

Mr Gordievsky, who was head of KGB operations in London in 1985 until the Soviets discovered he had been a double agent for 11 years, said: "The weapons allegedly had a very strong penetration and were able to destroy secret shelters and bunkers in Moscow where the Soviet leadership was supposed to be hiding in the nuclear war."

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Gas clash

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received in a year. He demanded: "Since these industries are regulated, why can they not be regulated to put a stop to these excesses?" But Mr Major said Mr Blair was proposing either "rigid government controls" on the private sector or renationalisation. He also noted that Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, had said that the affair was a matter for negotiation between British Gas management and its unions.

The Prime Minister's officials added that Mr Major believed that it was up to shareholders to intervene if they thought that boardroom salaries were getting out of hand. Although the Department of Trade and Industry was looking at company law in this area, they did not expect "radical change".

The Commons clash erupted after it emerged that British Gas is asking for pay cuts of 16 per cent, and shorter holidays among its showroom staff. Demands for sacrifices by some of the company's lowest-paid workers contrast with a £205,000 increase, to £475,000, just awarded to Mr Brown. Pay rises for the executive directors were announced only days after the company unveiled an increase in charges to customers. The basic pay for showroom staff was £13,000, rising to £17,000 with long service and commission.

British Gas said the search for economies at its showrooms was part of a wider reorganisation in preparation for the loss of its monopoly over household supplies from 1996.

Unions are resisting. Donald Macgregor, who has been negotiating for the GMB union, said: "We will not sit back and accept this tyranny of one rule for them and another rule for us."

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Judge's error frees clerk jailed for GBH by telephone

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A BANK clerk who made legal history when he was jailed for causing grievous bodily harm by making obscene telephone calls had his conviction quashed yesterday.

Christopher Gelder, 25, was freed by the Court of Appeal because of an error by the trial judge. He had spent five months in jail for subjecting his victim, Christine Howells, 33, to a psychological battering.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, quashed his conviction and 18-month sentence because Judge Phillips had misdirected the jury in his summing-up.

Gelder, of Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, declined to comment as he walked from the appeal court in London but Simon Le Couteur, his solicitor, said: "He is pleased and relieved with the outcome. He just wants to go home to his family and put all this behind him, and he hopes Mrs Howells is also able to put it behind her now."

Mrs Howells's husband, Robert, 42, said last night that she had burst into tears on hearing the appeal court decision on local radio. "She is very, very upset. When Gelder was sent to prison, she was pleased that she had been taken seriously.

"She believed she had done something positive for people who suffer these kind of telephone calls. It was a step forward for justice and now this has come as a setback."

Gelder, a clerk with the Royal Bank of Scotland, was said at Chester Crown Court in May to have subjected Mrs Howells, of Runcorn, Cheshire, to a nine-month campaign of anonymous calls while her husband was not at home.

Gelder sometimes telephoned her home three to four times a week and used his position to obtain personal details of Mrs Howells, who was a customer of the bank. The calls involved sexual suggestions and remarks about her job, car, age, clothing and new hairstyle.

The Lord Chief Justice, sitting with Mr Justice Jowitt and Mr Justice Cresswell, said Judge Phillips had directed the jury to consider what a normal person would feel would be the effects of the calls. He should instead have directed them to concentrate on Gelder's state of mind. They should have considered whether Gelder, because of his "obsession and infatuation" for Mrs Howells, could forsee that he would cause her harm. Lord Taylor said: "He was making extraordinary telephone calls on any view and he had lost his sense of proportion about this complainant.



Taylor: caller "lost sense of proportion"

"The defendant was entitled to have the jury consider whether he foresaw that there was any risk of harm to this woman by making the calls. It may well be that the jury might have come to the same conclusion even if the judge gave them the correct direction. But we cannot be sure of it."

The calls, which began in August 1992, included the remark: "I will never leave you alone". Mrs Howells became distressed and frightened. She lost weight, became anxious, physically ill and had nightmares.

Lord Taylor said because the appeal was allowed on the grounds of the judge's misdirection, there was no need to consider a separate ground of appeal in which Gelder claimed it was impossible to inflict grievous bodily harm over the telephone.

The judges did not pronounce on the legal issue of whether an obscene telephone caller could inflict harm within the meaning of those words under the provisions of the 1861 Offences Against the Person Act.

MIKE SCOTT



Peter Edler with the boys who helped him as he suffered a fit: John Mason, left, and his cousin Jimmy. Other passers-by ignored his plight

Boys save epileptic by answering phone

BY A STAFF REPORTER

TWO boys helped to save a man's life as he suffered an epileptic fit in the street by picking up the mobile telephone that was ringing in his pocket. The caller was the man's wife, who told them how to care for him.

Angela Edler had bought the telephone to check on her husband Peter since he became epileptic after being beaten on the head by a mugger 18 months ago. As he was in the throes of the fit, she "sensed" that something was wrong and rang. While adults walked past her husband as he lay choking on a pavement in the Meadow Well estate in North Shields, Tyne and Wear, Jimmy Mason, 8, and his cousin John, 11, stopped to help.

At first Mrs Edler, 27, was furious to hear a boy's voice, assuming the telephone had been stolen. "I realised I had made a mistake when he said: 'There's a man on the floor and he's choking.'"

She told the boys to put her husband in the recovery position and make a pillow for his head from their jackets. Then she called an ambulance. "I heard one of them tell him: 'Don't worry, you're going to be OK. Your wife has called for help.' I asked a neighbour to take me to where they said he had fallen down. They were still there with him when I arrived. I couldn't find words to thank them. It was a major fit and that is enough to kill if the victim doesn't get treatment quickly. I am convinced that they saved Peter's life.

"Soon after he was taken to hospital I got another call at home. It was the boys asking whether they could visit him. They brought him a get well card and some fruit. Youngsters have so many bad things said about them these days, it is nice to know that there are still some decent, honest young lads around."

Mr Edler, 37, of New York, Tyne and Wear, who went into hospital for observation, said: "I am still a bit baffled about what exactly happened. One minute I was walking along the street, the next I was in hospital. The boys did a fantastic job."

John, who lives on the Meadow Well estate, said: "We were a bit frightened because we didn't know what to do and grown ups were just walking past. Other people have said we are heroes and I think maybe we are."

Sentence halved for man who raped wife

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A THREE-YEAR jail sentence on a husband who raped his wife after she told him their marriage was over was halved to 18 months yesterday.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, said that husbands had no absolute right to use their wives for sexual purposes and imprisonment was clearly appropriate. However, the 44-year-old man was still living at home and sharing his wife's bed at the time of the rape, Lord Taylor said in the Court of Appeal, and three years was excessive.

The husband, who was jailed by Shrewsbury Crown Court on September 19 and who cannot be named to protect his wife's identity, had his appeal against sentence allowed.

Lord Taylor, sitting in London with Mr Justice Jowitt and Mr Justice Cresswell, had earlier said the husband had been distraught when his wife, who was his second wife and some years younger than him, told him in June that she was interested in another man and that their marriage was at an end. After an evening's drinking the husband returned home and raped the wife. He was alleged to have told her: "You cannot deny my rights as a husband."

Lord Taylor said the husband was described by all who knew him as a kind and considerate man and had expressed remorse over the incident. But he added: "It must be clearly understood by husbands that they do not have the absolute right to use their wives for sexual purposes."

Conman may be linked to retired couple's murder

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

POLICE hunting the killer of a retired couple in Suffolk renewed their efforts yesterday to trace a robber who has been posing as a Neighbourhood Watch representative.

They issued a warning that whoever killed Arthur Wilson, 65, and his wife Shirley, 61, in the village of Bramford could strike again. Police patrols in the area have been stepped up.

A middle-aged, well-dressed man with a bogus identity card, who has stolen from six elderly people after calling to "discuss security", emerged as a suspect. Mr Wilson, a former stationmaster at Ipswich, and his wife, organist at the village Methodist chapel and secretary to the local church council, were strangled on Monday in an apparently motiveless killing.

Acting Detective Superintendent Peter Worobec said: "We have established no link with the conman and the murders but it is something we are particularly interested in."

One victim of the conman last month was Marie Lockwood, a 76-year-old widow who was robbed of £200 in Christmas savings. Mrs Lockwood lives two doors away from the Wilsons. She said the man produced what appeared to be a Neighbourhood Watch identity card with a photograph and she let him in. Because she was ill, the man — aged about 40, of medium height and build and wearing a suit — said he would let himself out. On his way, he took the money she had saved to buy presents for her family.

The man, who has carried out five similar robberies in Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and Haverhill, was seen by Mrs Lockwood's neighbour, Elsie Robinson, 74. She had delivered a Co-op cash dividend to Mrs Lockwood.

The Wilsons had two married daughters and one son, having lost another son twelve years ago in a road accident. Tomorrow, prayers will be offered at the Methodist chapel where the couple worshipped.

Mr Worobec said that over 200 people had contacted police with information. He appealed for people to continue coming forward.

Law dinner turns into bunfight

BY OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR lawyer was pelted with bread rolls as he addressed 200 trainee solicitors at their Christmas dinner.

Neil Brown, of the Leeds firm Eversheds Hepworth & Chadwick, has lambasted the young lawyers as "drunken Hooray Henrys" and claims he was subjected to "a constant barrage and catcalls, missile throwing, barracking and general commotion" as he tried to deliver his speech.

But another Leeds solicitor, Graham Platt, of Denison Till, dismissed the complaints as "whingeings".

"There was barracking and the odd bun, but if a speaker can't be heard he should sit down and shut up," he said.

Death carriage pin 'had slipped before'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE wedding carriage pulled by horses that trampled a girl to death had been involved in a similar incident, a court heard yesterday.

Lindsey Appleby, who was driving when the two horses became separated from their carriage and crushed Sandra Grubnic, 16, in June 1992, told Leicester Crown Court that the horses had broken free once before but that her uncle, Dennis Molloy, had restrained them.

Miss Appleby, 26, told the jury that on that occasion the pole that linked the horses to the carriage had fallen out, just as it had on the fatal day. Mr Molloy, 53, who runs the stable that supplied the carriage, was not present when the girl died, but the prosecution alleges that he failed properly to instruct Miss Appleby on the need to attach a pin to the pole.

Miss Appleby said that she had never been told that it was essential for the pin to be in place and had previously used the carriage without it. But Mr William Vine, an expert on horse-drawn vehicles, told the court that in his opinion to use the carriage without a pin in the pole was dangerous.

In police interviews read to the jury Mr Molloy had said that he had instructed Miss Appleby in the use of the pin although he himself had not considered it essential. Mr Molloy, of Brailsford, Derbyshire denies manslaughter. The trial continues today.

Gascoigne minder sought in photo row

BY CATHERINE MILTON

POLICE were investigating allegations last night that a bodyguard for the footballer Paul Gascoigne threatened a tourist in a London public house and stole a roll of film from his camera.

The 37-year-old man, who took a photograph of Gascoigne in the Punch and Judy pub in Covent Garden on Tuesday evening, claimed that the bodyguard threatened to bite his nose off. The bodyguard allegedly demanded the film and twice put his mouth over the man's nose.

Gascoigne's solicitor denied that his client was wanted by police. David Swede, of the law firm Finers, said the 27-year-old midfielder was on his way back to Italy where he plays for the Rome club Lazio. Mr Swede said: "As far as we are concerned he is not wanted for questioning."

A Scotland Yard spokeswoman said: "We are treating the incident as robbery. The man who took the picture gave the film to the men and they left the public house shortly afterwards. The man who took the picture returned to his hotel near by and called the police 30 minutes after the incident. He wasn't physically injured but was shocked."

A spokeswoman for the pub said: "Paul said no to a photograph but the chap took one anyway."

It is the second report of friction between Gascoine and a photographer this year, adding to a string of allegations of poor behaviour which have dogged his career. In January he was arrested in Rome after hitting a press photographer but was later released without charge.

Judge orders £30,000 bingo winner to share cash

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A BINGO player who reneged on a deal to share her winnings with two friends has been ordered by a court to hand over two thirds of a £30,000 jackpot. A judge told Keeley Ringland, 20, that she must share the money or face jail for contempt of court.

However, most of the money has been spent. Miss Ringland, a publican's daughter, spent £2,000 on a holiday, paid off a £2,000 car loan and bought her mother, Denise, a £10,000 four-wheel drive vehicle.

Yesterday her mother said it looked as if her car would have to go. "Keeley was humiliated in court. I don't see why she should be humiliated because everything she did, she did for me."

Her two friends, Nicola Mann, 20, and Tracey Ellis, 21, took Miss Ringland to Sheffield County Court after she claimed they had not made any agreement to split the money.



Keeley Ringland: has spent most of the win

Judge Sutcliffe was told that the three, all from Sheffield, went to a Mecca bingo hall in the city in May. Miss Ellis suggested that they should share any winnings and the other two agreed.

One of their cards contained a winning line for the house prize and all three leapt up to claim the kitty of £104. But the game was linked by computer to 600 other bingo halls and eventually the total reached £29,227.

The next day Miss Ringland spoke to Miss Mann on the phone and denied agreeing to share. The two losers consulted a lawyer who had Miss Ringland's bank account frozen, but by then most of the money had gone. Judge Sutcliffe decided there had been a verbal agreement and said Miss Ringland must share the win.

Miss Mann, an administrative assistant, said: "Keeley and I had been pals since we met at school when we were 13. Tracey is also a friend of mine but Keeley hadn't met her until we went to bingo.

"It was only the second time we had been and we couldn't believe our luck when we hit the jackpot. We had all agreed verbally beforehand to share any cash, whoever won. The judge obviously believed what we were saying.

"But the next day Keeley phoned me and said she was keeping the money. She denied we had agreed to share any winnings. I couldn't believe what she was saying. We were supposed to be friends. She is going to have to sell the jeep and a few other things to find the cash."

Miss Ellis said: "Pooling any winnings seemed a good idea at the time. I never thought this would happen. I am just glad the whole affair is over."

Miss Ringland declined to comment.

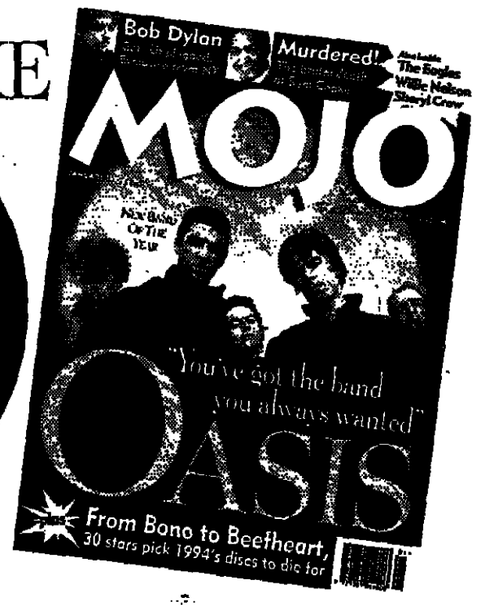


Tracey Ellis, left, and Nicola Mann celebrate success

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Laird invites flood victims to spend Christmas at castle

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

VICTIMS of the floods in Strathclyde have been invited to spend Christmas at a country mansion.

Sirdar Iqbal Singh, who holds the title of the Lord of Butley Manor, is throwing open his baronial Victorian home in Lesmahagow, near Lanark, to a group of pensioners from Paisley whose homes were made uninhabitable.

Mr Singh said he was so shocked and saddened by last weekend's flooding, in which three people died, that he had sent a message to William Orr, the Provost of Renfrew District Council, inviting six pensioners to his home for Christmas. The former London-based property dealer, who moved to Scotland in 1987, said: "It broke my heart to see such sadness at a time when there should be joy. I'll leave it up to the Provost to choose who he wishes to send. Whoever they are, they will be most welcome."

The guests will each be given their own room at Little Castle. Mr Singh's 20-bedroomed home. A traditional Christmas lunch will be provided and drinks will be served in front of a log fire. Mr Singh is also offering the use of his flat in Paisley to a family who have lost their home. He said: "Losing one's home is bad at any time but to happen at this time of the year is particularly heart-breaking."

A spokeswoman for the Provost said: "Mr Singh's kind invitation is being actively considered and we would like to thank him." She said that there had been two other offers of Christmas accommodation and a large amount of money had been donated. From this morning, families who have been flooded out are each to receive an immediate payment of £100.

The spokeswoman said: "We are delighted by the response. We've had calls from as far away as Malta and the United States and lots of calls from Northern Ireland from people asking what they can do to help."



Stewart: announced help for homeless

Yesterday the Queen sent a message of sympathy to the 700 people who were made homeless by the worst floods for 30 years and the Scottish Office pledged a financial package to help the flood victims.

In a Royal Court Telegram to three Scottish regional councils, the Queen asked for her sympathy to be conveyed to those who have suffered in the floods. "At a time when traditionally people are preparing for the joy of Christmas and looking forward with hope to the new year it is very sad to know that so many people are experiencing difficulty and that a great number have lost their homes and their possessions," the Queen said. "I was particularly distressed to learn that lives have been lost and I should be grateful if you would convey my deepest sympathy to the bereaved families."

Allan Stewart, the Scottish Minister for Local Government, yesterday promised aid totalling £250,000 for people made homeless by flooding in the west of Scotland. More aid would be announced later once the full effects of the floods years were known, Mr Stewart said.

JEFF HOLMES



Graeme Allison providing blankets for Kirsty Scott and her 16-month-old son

Volunteers rush in with blankets and medical aid

BY ANJANA AHUJA

LAST Sunday Graeme and Laura Allison were discussing putting up their Christmas tree at home in Paisley, near Glasgow, when the telephone rang. Within minutes, as British Red Cross emergency workers, they were two miles away ready to assist the victims of the weekend's devastating floods.

"First we had to work out with Strathclyde Emergency Planning Unit exactly what was required," Mr Allison said. "That included comforting and caring for those whose homes had been flooded, playing with the children, dealing with minor wounds and making sure that people in wet clothes were kept warm. We were just stuffing clothes into a tumbledryer to get them dry.

"We had to make sure the victims did not get hypothermia. We provided foil blankets, medical wipes and wound dressings. Because the electricity had been cut off, many people had wounded themselves during the night on damaged furniture."

Another nine Red Cross volunteers, many with day jobs, were drafted in to provide round-the-clock assistance at two makeshift relief centres. They worked alongside volunteers from the Salvation Army and the Women's Royal Voluntary Service. All had experience in first aid, ambulance work or crisis care.

Kirsty Scott, 17, and her 16-month-old son William were not rescued from their flooded home until Wednesday. Miss Scott was afraid of the house being looted and had decided to stay. She had not eaten a hot meal since Saturday, when power supplies failed.

"My neighbours told the Red Cross I was here," she said. "They gave me blankets and covers to keep warm, and brought us back to a relief centre for something to eat. We have just had soup, roll and cake and custard."

The British Red Cross Emergency Response provides support to the emergency services and armed forces after disasters. Trained volunteers provide first aid, nursing and crisis care for victims and their relatives. To train someone in first aid costs £30.

Some 90,000 volunteers at the country's 89 Red Cross branches are on standby around the clock. They attended the aftermath of, among other incidents, the Lockerbie air crash and the Hillsborough disaster.

In 1991, the Red Cross launched a disaster appeal scheme to provide guidance in setting up local appeals and to enable donations to be channelled effectively.

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Scientists confirm car fumes link with asthma

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS believe that they have found proof that car fumes make people more prone to asthma attacks.

They say that inhaling traffic pollution makes those with mild asthma more vulnerable to other airborne irritants. The findings, by a team working at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London and Cairo University, are likely to intensify calls for government steps to reduce traffic in cities.

Next week the Department of the Environment is expected to publish its strategy on improving air quality. Local authorities hope to get powers to restrict the movement of cars, vans and lorries on heavily polluted days.

The researchers studied the impact of traffic pollution on people sensitive to the house-dust mite, the faeces of which contain allergens that can bring on asthma. Sufferers were asked to inhale unpolluted air, nitrogen dioxide or sulphur dioxide at concentrations likely to be met in heavily polluted cities. The researchers, led by professor Robert Davies of St Bartholomew's, reported in *The Lancet* that individually the gases had no effect but when combined they sharply increased sensitivity to the house-dust mite.

☐ Doctors are reporting an epidemic of bronchiolitis, a viral condition that causes wheezing in babies and toddlers. It is aggravated by air pollution and can be fatal. Some London hospitals say that admissions are running at five times the normal rate and intensive-care units are overstretched. Mild weather and poor air quality are being blamed for the increase.

Hill walker dies of rare disease carried by sheep tick

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A MAN has died in Somerset after catching a rare disease carried by ticks. Philip Leach, 65, developed flu-like symptoms which developed into pneumonia. After his condition worsened he was moved into intensive care at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, where he died.

This week, health officials disclosed that Mr Leach was suffering from the most serious strain of Q fever, a rare condition transmitted by tick bites. Mr Leach, a former Somerset county councillor from Tivington, is believed to have been bitten by the ticks while walking in the hills, his favourite pastime.

Q fever is caused by rickettsia, micro-organisms intermediate between bacteria and viruses, which are responsible for a number of feverish diseases including Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain fever, Japanese River fever and visceral rickettsia.

The tick thrives in bracken and undergrowth, particularly on the kind of wild moorland on which Mr Leach loved to walk. The tiny mite then attaches itself to deer, sheep, foxes, badgers, squirrels, mice and even domestic animals such as dogs.

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Racehorse trainer celebrates 'miracle' recovery of daughter

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A CHAMPION racehorse trainer was celebrating the return home of his daughter last night, a month after she almost died in a car crash. It was the best Christmas present he could have wished for, he said.

Richard Hannon and his family stayed by the bedside of Catherine, 25, who spent seven days on a life-support machine at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol. Surgeons operated to remove a blood clot from her brain but told the family that Catherine might never speak or walk again.

"It is a miracle. She has made an amazing, marvellous recovery," Mr Hannon, who has trained a string of top horses, including English and Irish 2,000 Guineas winners, said yesterday. "For several days the worst was expected."

For 15 days Catherine was unable to talk and suffered total memory loss, but Mr Hannon and his wife, Jo, were at their daughter's bedside when she opened her eyes and recognised them for the first time since the crash.

When she uttered the words "Mum"and "Dad" it was like a dream come true, the couple said. Mr Hannon, the champion trainer in 1992 and 1993 and who has 178 horses at his stables in East Everleigh, Wiltshire, said that no turf success could match the elation he felt when he knew his daughter was going to be all right.

"We are so glad that it is all over," he said. "Catherine is now all right again. She is back to her normal self but she is a bit forgetful. "It is the best Christmas present I could ever have asked for. The doctors and nurses at Frenchay Hospital have saved her life. We knew that the blood clot operation was make or break. We were told she may never be able to walk or talk again. It is wonderful that the family is all together again. It will be a great Christmas."

Catherine, who works in her father's stables, has gone out with some of her favourite horses. "She once again recognises the horses and people. She comes out with me on the Jeep to help me again with the horses," said Mr Hannon, who was formerly a drummer with the pop groups The Troggs and Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich.

The accident happened on the A303 between Chard and Yeovil on November 9. Catherine was driving, with one of her sisters by her side, when she lost control. Last night she said she was feeling much better.

"I am forgetful but it is getting better every day. I am getting better each day. One day I woke up in hospital and found I could speak and recognise people. Everything is coming back. It is wonderful. I can walk about. I have no handicap. A lot of people were worrying about me. This is what makes it such good news."

Mrs Hannon, who also works in the stable, expressed her relief that her daughter was on the road to recovery. "My daughter has had a short-term memory problem. But every day circumstances are improving and her memory is coming back. We are all so happy."



Catherine: seven days on life support



Glenn Miller in his heyday

Pilot 'saw Miller crash in Channel'

BY JOHN YOUNG

A CEREMONY to commemorate the musician, composer and bandleader Glenn Miller was held at the American Military Cemetery near Cambridge yesterday, the fiftieth anniversary of his disappearance on a flight over the English Channel.

For half a century the music of the most successful big band conductor of them all has bridged the generations. But the circumstances of his disappearance and presumed death 50 years ago, at the age of 33, have remained a subject of speculation. The accepted view is that Miller, a United States Army Major, died when the single-engined Norseman, in which he was a passenger, crashed into the Channel on a flight from Bedfordshire to Paris.

But in 1976 a witness claimed that he had instead boarded a Dakota from RAF Bovingdon. Stories at the time suggested that he was murdered in Paris or that he was still alive in France or Spain. But no convincing motive for a cover-up, or why he should have been made to "disappear", was ever put forward.

This week Victor Gregory, a former Royal Air Force bomber pilot, tried to clear up the mystery for good. He told the *Daily Mail* that on December 15, 1944, he flew a Lancaster from Methwold, Norfolk, to raid the marshalling yards at Siegen, near Bonn. Because of bad weather the fighter escort was unable to take off, and the mission was aborted. He was ordered to fly to an area 30 miles south of Beachy Head, Sussex, where he was to jettison his load — a 4,000lb "blockbuster" and twelve 500lb incendiaries.

After jettisoning the bombs, his attention was drawn by his navigator to a Norseman, which passed below his starboard wing at about 1,500ft. There was an explosion from another jettisoned 4,000-pounder and, according to Pilot Officer Gregory's rear gunner, the Norseman was caught by the blast, flipped over and crashed into the sea.

Mr Gregory suggested that Miller had been offered a lift on a flight to Paris by a US Lieutenant-Colonel, Norman Baesell. "There's never been a mystery," he said. "It was the only Norseman in the area. The times are exact. That was Glenn Miller crashing."



Major Vic Warzinski and Superintendent Jim Schoenecker laying a wreath in Miller's memory yesterday

New Bar chairman launches reforms

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MEASURES to modernise the Bar, including a complaints system, new clearing scheme for entrants and training for barristers in client care, were announced by the new Bar chairman yesterday.

Peter Goldsmith, QC, at 44 the youngest barrister to take over chairmanship of the 7,000-strong profession, said reforms were needed to help barristers "compete and thrive". He said: "The Bar cannot be judged on the high quality of its advocacy and advice alone. It must display value for money and responsiveness to client expectations."

The Bar could be proud of its reputation for integrity, professionalism and excellence, he said in his inaugural address to a meeting of the Bar Council in London. "Let us work to ensure our service is modern, efficient and competitive."

Mr Goldsmith outlined measures to improve the service that barristers offer to the public and solicitors. He pledged to set up a new complaints system by January 1996, as proposed in a recent report on standards at the Bar under Lord Alexander of Weedon. He also launched a scheme for management training of chambers, to cover planning, marketing, client care and finance.

Law posts for ethnic minorities earn prize

BY OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

YOUNG ethnic minority students were given work placements with law firms in the winning entry for the 1994 Equal Opportunities Award announced yesterday.

The award, sponsored by the Law Society and *The Times*, was won by Liverpool Law Society and a voluntary organisation. Access to Law, for their joint scheme to encourage young people from ethnic minorities to work with firms of solicitors. Twelve such students were placed for a month with solicitors or with local authority legal departments in Liverpool and more placements are planned.

The award was launched this year to promote good equal opportunities practice in firms, local law societies and other organisations who employ solicitors. The judging was by Charles Elly, president of the Law Society, Kamlesh Bahl, chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, and Herman Ouseley, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality.

Announcing the award at the Law Society council meeting in London, Charles Elly said he was pleased that a local law society had won. "This particular scheme appealed to the judges for its originality and commitment to the involvement of all in the running of the profession."

Growing pressures push students to consider suicide

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ONE in three Cambridge students seeking help from university counsellors said they had considered committing suicide, according to an independent study.

The growing academic, financial and personal pressures felt by students are highlighted by research conducted by the city's Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Some 71 per cent of 417 students counselled for the first time last year responded to the survey. Six out of ten said they suffered depression, with more than 60 per cent of these admitting they had thought about suicide in the previous six months.

The findings have been submitted to a committee, chaired by the Vice-Chancellor, Sir David Williams, examining the level of support for distressed students.

The inquiry comes as the university's counselling service struggles to cope with an upsurge in demand. Gareth Marlow, president of the graduate union, said the service was dangerously overstretched with a growing backlog in appointments. "It's an accident waiting to happen. The situation is desperate." Doug Lynch, deputy president of the student union, said: "We do not want a situation where more students are left to rely on anti-depressants from their GPs rather than being counselled."

Almost one in 20 of Cambridge's 15,000 students sought help last year. Since October, more than 340 students have received help. John Pulford, head of the counselling service, said the survey probably underestimated the number of students in emotional distress because those in most difficulty were least likely to return questionnaires.

He said that the counselling service, which has the equivalent of three and a half full-time staff and a £140,000 budget, was struggling to make repeat appointments for non-urgent cases. "We have bright young people with a great deal of potential and in whom the community has invested thousands and thousands of pounds. It is very wasteful if through stress they have to drop out."

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Food store ruffles feathers in dispute over 'fresh' turkeys

BY TONY DAWE

A FURIOUS dispute broke out among turkey suppliers yesterday after a frozen food retailer claimed that its birds were far fresher than supposedly fresh ones destined for the Christmas table.

In full-page advertisements in national newspapers, Iceland said that the "fresh" turkeys had been "blasted with carbon dioxide and deep chilled at temperatures at or below freezing for a month, or even longer".

While turkey farmers and supermarket chains reacted with anger, the ploy prompted consumer watchdogs and trading standards officers to outline the miseries most birds suffer on the way to the plate. They said that the method of electrically stunning nearly all birds to kill them can cause convulsions which break their bones and that frozen birds can contain up to 20 per cent added water. Signs posted in some stores state: "Some of these turkeys may be missing a limb".

Almost all turkeys are bred by artificial insemination, kept in cramped conditions, equivalent to 2,000 turkeys living on a single tennis court, and fed hormones. The Consumers' Association said that, of the 11 million turkeys expected to be eaten this Christmas, fewer than 1 per cent were free range. Most of the three million "fresh" birds to be sold are kept closely confined, either in barns or broiler houses.

Jill McWilliam, public relations director for Iceland, said: "The build-up for 'fresh' turkey Christmas sales starts in late November when birds are slaughtered, processed and packed with a best-before date of December 26. Pairs of birds are then bagged, gas-flushed with carbon dioxide and put into deep-chill storage. Prior to display, they are unwrapped and presented as 'fresh' three to four weeks later."

The advertisement claims: "They are put on the shelf to catch the eye of the unwary shopper, who'll pay up to three times as much for one, thinking it's better than frozen. It isn't." A 20lb frozen turkey costs £13.99 at Iceland, £23.80 fresh at Safeway and as much as £40 free-range and fresh from the farm.

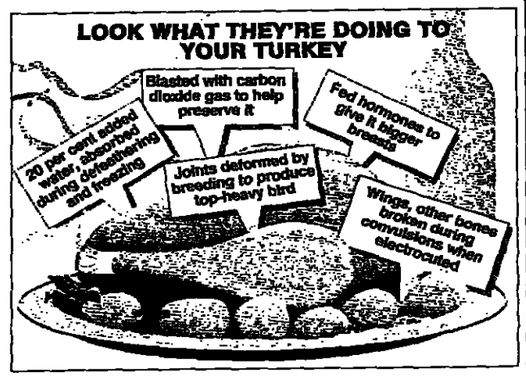
David Walker, Shropshire's deputy chief trading standards officer, said that shoppers could be caught out by frozen birds: "Consumers are buying frozen water in the mistaken belief that it is meat. We have found that some turkeys contain 20 per cent added water."

Safeway said yesterday that its fresh turkeys were "never frozen and are packed in plastic bags with some carbon dioxide, which is a natural component of the air we breathe". It said that the production process allowed time for the fresh turkeys to mature, which was a traditional method and was why they cost a little more.

Ms McWilliam added that Iceland sold birds with missing limbs for "a fraction of the price" of normal turkeys, and that they lost their limbs during processing, not when they were killed.



Few Christmas turkeys are likely to be free-range



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WEEKEND SHOPPING

THE TIMES is offering ten readers the chance to win a gift voucher worth £100 in a competition, with compliments of Harrods, Asda, Somerfield/Gateway, Marks and Spencer and Safeway.

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☐ This week's best bargain is salmon, whether whole, fillet or smoked, with most retailers offering large discounts.

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Marks and Spencer: four chicken breasts for £2.99; small steak and kidney pudding 99p; ten-year-old port at £8.99.

Safeway: leg of British lamb £2.15 per lb; six-pack of Mr Kipling lemon slices for 79p; Pilgrims Choice fully matured English farmhouse cheddar £1.99 per lb.

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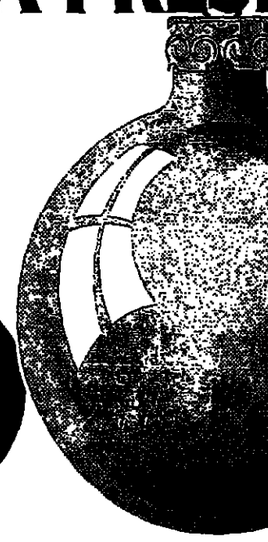


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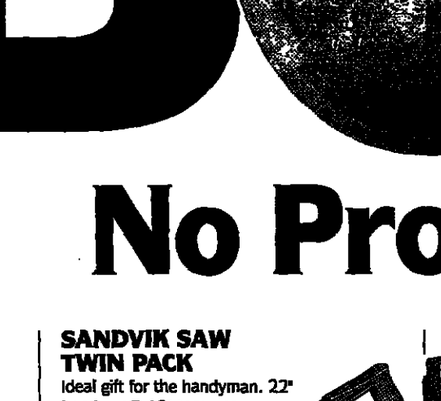
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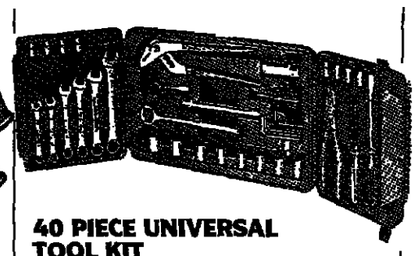


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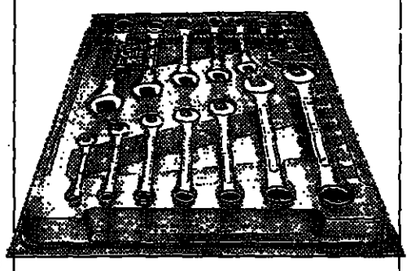
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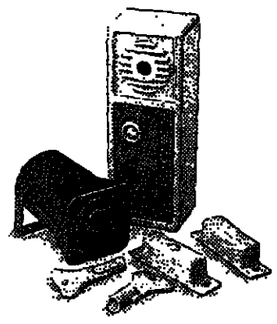
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♠QJ64 ♥K ♦Q83 ♣AK872	N W E S	♠9 ♥QJ8642 ♦765 ♣964
	♠AK103 ♥105 ♦J92 ♣QJ103	

S	W	N	E
1NT (1) 3NT (3)	2♣ All pass	3♣ (2)	Pass

Opening lead: ♣2

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

(1) Weak No Trump, ostensibly 12 - 14
(2) Asking for definition
(3) Close between Three Spades and Three No Trumps.

I was West on this recent deal played at TGR's. The declarer won the nine of clubs with the queen (the correct card: if he wins with the jack or ten West will know that South has the queen, since East would play the queen at trick one if he had it), played the nine of diamonds which held, and continued with the jack of diamonds to the queen and king. The eight of spades brought the nine, ten and jack; I played the king of hearts which held the trick, and exited with a diamond to dummy. What should the declarer do?

Answer: Clearly at this point the declarer is hoping to make the contract with three spade tricks and the ace of hearts, to go with the four diamond tricks and club trick he has already taken. At the table the declarer played a spade, and could not recover when East showed out.

It costs nothing to play off the ace of hearts first, discarding a club from hand, even if South does not foresee the consequences. West has to discard a second club, and now when the declarer plays a spade to the ace he can work out that West's shape was initially 4-1-3-5 (incidentally, when experienced bridge players talk about hand patterns it is *always* Spades-Hearts-Diamonds-Clubs in that order).

Therefore West's last four cards are queen-six of spades and ace-king of clubs, with the declarer holding king-three of spades opposite dummy's seven-five. Declarer exits with a club, forcing West to give him two spade tricks at the end.



KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Dream vanishes

England's dream of capturing the gold medals in the Moscow Olympiad evaporated in the penultimate round when they suffered a crushing defeat by the Russian A team, led by Garry Kasparov.

The final scores were: Russia A 37½, Bosnia & Herzegovina 35, Russia B and England 34½. In the women's event: Georgia 32, Hungary 31 and China 27. England came sixth with 24½ after beating Russia A in the last round.

England's men lost the tie-break to Russia B, who took bronze. However, England's fourth place confirms their pre-tournament seeding. They were the highest-placed Western country, ahead of Holland, USA, Germany and France.

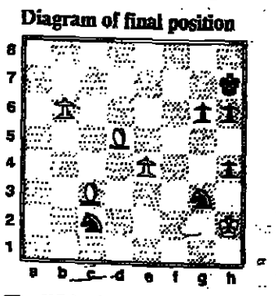
In England's match against Russia A, Nigel Short faced immense difficulties when trying to defend with black against Kasparov.

White: Garry Kasparov (Russia A)
Black: Nigel Short (England)

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Be2	e6
7	f4	Be7
8	0-0	Qc7
9	Qe1	Nbd7
10	Bf3	0-0
11	Kh1	Kh8
12	a4	Rb8
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21	f6	exd4
22	fxe7	Qxe7
23	Rxd4	f6
24	Qd2	Bg5
25	Rxd8+	Rxd8
26	Rxd6	Ne5
27	Rxb6	gxh4
28	Nd5	Bxd5
29	Qxd5	Re8
30	Bh3	Qc7
31	Re6	Rxe6
32	Bxe6	Nc6
33	Qg5	Qd6
34	Bd5	Nb4
35	Qf6	Qxf8
36	Bxf6	Nxc2
37	Bc3	h6
38	b4	Kh7
39	b5	axb5
40	axb6	Nh5
41	b6	Ng3+
42	Kh2	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



The White b-pawn cannot be stopped.

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Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Rutland return ■ Berkshire and Dorset disappear

Local government shake-up restores three 'lost' counties

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

THREE historic English counties are restored to the map while two others disappear in the latest batch of recommendations for local government reorganisation. The three set to recover the independence they lost in 1974 are Rutland, Herefordshire and Worcestershire; Dorset and Berkshire would cease to exist for all but ceremonial purposes.

The proposals for 18 counties from the Local Government Commission issued yesterday would leave seven counties untouched. All-purpose unitary authorities would be created in 11 large cities and towns which were merged into counties in the last big local government review 20 years ago. These new authorities will be carved out of nine of the counties, which will retain their existing two-tier structure elsewhere.

The commission recommends that Dorset and Berkshire be split into unitary authorities, retaining their present borders for traditional and sporting purposes. Berkshire County Council agreed unanimously last night to seek a judicial review of the commission's recommendation to divide its area into five unitary authorities. The council, which backed the idea of a four-way split, believes the new proposal will be too expensive to implement.

Unitary local government already exists in London and the metropolitan boroughs, where each council is responsible for providing all the services inside its area. In the rest of England responsibility is shared in a two-tier system between the counties, which organise major services such as education, and districts which are in charge of smaller-scale services such as rubbish collection.

Yesterday's recommendations mean that the commission has changed its mind about the wisdom of dividing nine of the 18 counties concerned into the network of unitary authorities the Government expected when it ordered the review two years ago. Sir John Banham, the commission chairman, said this was because a large majority of respondents to a questionnaire sent to the 14 million residents in the affected counties did not want to gamble on a change. "It is very plain that in many areas people are not prepared to see the costs and risks that would be associated with change on top of those involved in the very delicate reforms already going on, particularly concerning community care," he said.

He hoped that publication of the recommendations would stop the "trench warfare" between different authorities which led to a series of court actions aimed at overturning the commission's proposals. "I would like to think that there will be no more waste of public time and public money."

The final set of recommendations, covering five counties, is due to be published on January 11. According to today's *Local Government Chronicle*, the commission intends to recommend only one more unitary authority for the city of Derby and will recommend no change in the rest of that county or in Shropshire, Hertfordshire, Cornwall and Gloucestershire. This will mean that after the most intensive review of local government boundaries for a generation, 19 counties will be preserved intact, seven counties will be abolished and replaced by unitaries and there will be a mix of the two systems in the remaining 12.

The Association of District Councils, which has campaigned hard for the unitary option, said the recommendations "failed to create a stable structure for local government and the pressure for change will be as great as ever".

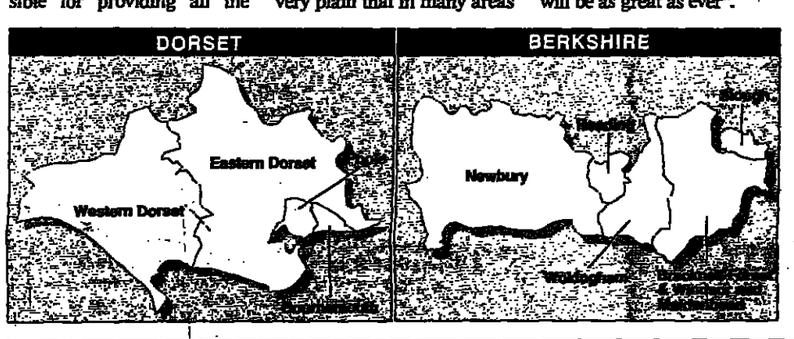
PROPOSALS

- ☐ **Two-tier system:** Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Suffolk, Surrey, Warwickshire, West Sussex, Worcestershire.
- ☐ **Unitary authorities:** Herefordshire, Rutland.
- ☐ **Mix of two-tier and unitary:** Leicestershire, Durham, Devon, East Sussex, Essex, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Wiltshire.
- ☐ **Unitary towns and cities:** Brighton & Hove, Bournemouth, Darlington, Leicester, Nottingham, Plymouth, Reading, Southend, Stoke-on-Trent, Swindon, Torbay.
- ☐ **Counties divided into unitary authorities:** Berkshire (5), Dorset (4).

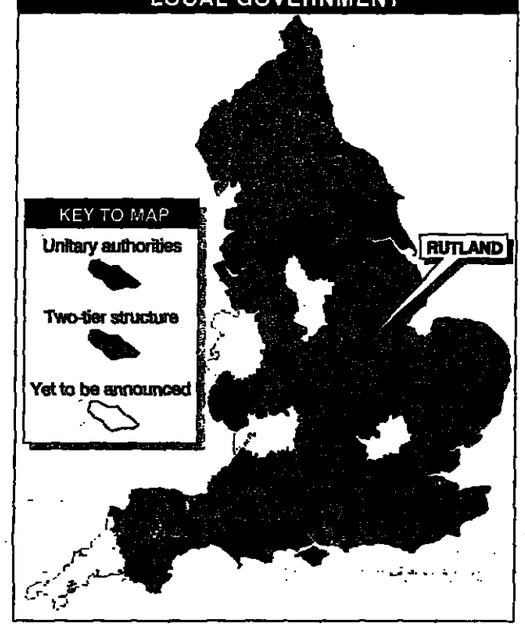


DAVID JONES

Andrew Makey, a member of the review committee, and Pat Holloway, of the District Council, welcome the outcome



RECOMMENDED STRUCTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT



Shire campaigners welcome liberation

BY OUR COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

RUTLANDERS celebrated their release from 20 years of imprisonment within the borders of Leicestershire yesterday. "It's like D-Day — the start of our liberation," said one excited resident.

Eddie Martin, one of Rutland District Council's longest-serving members, was equally jubilant: "It's super news," he said. "There's something about the Rutland way of life which sets us apart and that has been recognised by the Local Government Commission."

Although Rutland's 34,000 population is below the 150,000 minimum considered economically viable for a unitary authority, Sir John Banham, head of the commission, said that the strength of feeling was so strong that he was sure the reborn county would succeed. Rutland became a shire in the 12th century — before Leicester — and locals always resented being incorporated into their larger neighbour in 1974.

Most now consider the extra £100 that will go on council tax bills to cover administration costs a small price for freedom. Pat Holloway, chairman of Rutland District Council, said: "It is brilliant news. I'm so pleased for the people of Rutland. They have done it. They wanted to keep their sense of identity and managed to do this in little ways such as keeping the old Rutland road signs and putting Rutland on their postal addresses."

Owners ask for burial with pets

A pet cemetery has applied for council permission to bury owners alongside their animals. About 30 people have had their ashes interred at the Rossendale Pet Crematorium, Lancashire, but nobody has been buried there.

Lily Thompson, 73, who visits graves containing her three dogs, cat and ashes of her husband Ron, said: "I still have a dog and two cats. We all want to be buried there."

Smuggler jailed

A British lorry driver convicted of smuggling three tonnes of cannabis resin into Greece across the Turkish border in 1992 has been sentenced to life in prison by a Greek court. Joseph Cusack, 40, from Bradford, has appealed against the verdict.

Hoteliers to sue

Cypriot hoteliers who claim they are owed £10 million after Best Travel of Gatwick went into liquidation last month are preparing a High Court action. About 150 hoteliers say they have not been paid for accommodation and services by Best's company Cypriana.

Chess move

FIDE, the World Chess Federation, has confirmed Florencio Campomanes as its new president. He beat the French Grand Master Bachar Qouatly by ten votes.

Body found

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Pools mugging

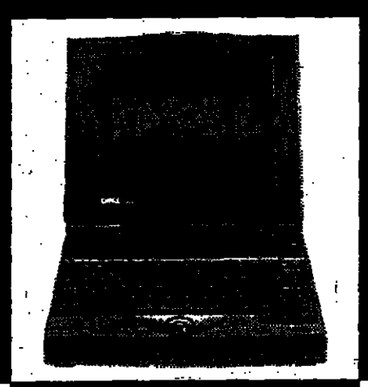
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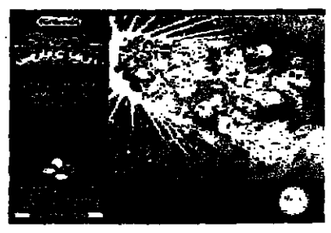
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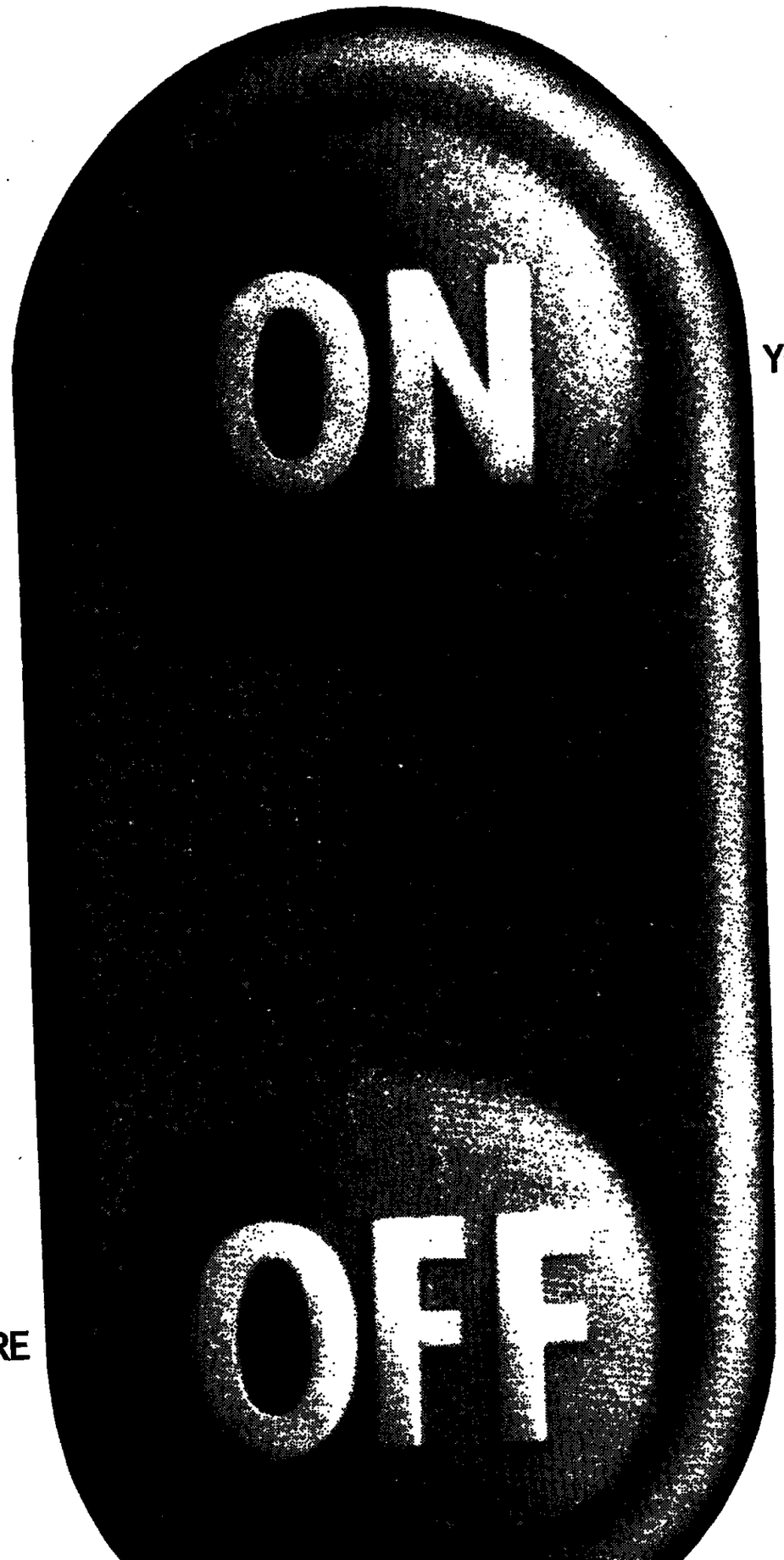
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Talks with loyalists focus on future of guns and prisoners

BY STAFF REPORTERS

THE disposal of terrorist guns and the release of prisoners dominated three hours of talks between the Government and politicians linked to loyalist paramilitaries yesterday, with neither side making any concession.

Government representatives made clear that convicted terrorists would have to serve their time in prison. The loyalist negotiators dismissed talk of surrendering or destroying arms, saying that some republican groups had still to declare a ceasefire.

Nonetheless both sides said that the talks, held at Stormont on the anniversary of the signing of the Downing Street peace declaration, had been worthwhile.

Billy Hutchinson, of the Progressive Unionist Party, described the meeting as an historic occasion for working class loyalism. He said his party was happy that the Government would stand by its constitutional assurance to Northern Ireland and that its position within the UK was safe.

Gary McMichael of the Ulster Democratic Party said the meeting had been frank, with each side voicing its opinions so that neither was under any illusion about where the other stood.

Delegations from the PUP and UDP will return for another meeting two days before Christmas. Yesterday's talks came six days after Sinn Fein had its first meeting with Government officials. Sinn Fein will return to Stormont on Monday.

Michael Ancram, the Northern Ireland political affairs minister, said that his officials had made it clear to the delegations that the question of illegal weapons had to be dealt with during the exploratory talks. He said political discussions could not be held with parties that could revert to violence it they did not get their way.

But Mr McMichael said: "It is unrealistic to suppose that either community is going to hand over the weapons of the conflict until both communities feel entirely confident and secure with the process itself and that is what we have got to work towards." He said there were still republican groupings that had not called ceasefires "so talk of guns is further down the road".

Yesterday senior Downing Street officials rejected suggestions that John Major was making fresh concessions to the republicans over IRA weapons. They said that the Prime Minister had never demanded that terrorist groups surrender their weapons as a condition of entering mainstream talks with the constitutional parties on the future of Ulster.

They pointed out that in his speech on October 21, Mr Major had said that the IRA should "deposit and decommission" their guns and explosives for Sinn Fein to move beyond the exploratory phase of discussions.

The attempt to reassure unionists came as Mr Major confirmed to MPs that he was not seeking a surrender of terrorist weapons in Northern Ireland. Sir Anthony Durant, a former minister, said the Conservatives believed that "unless we get rid of the explosives and the firearms" of the IRA and loyalist paramilitary groups, "we will not be able to make the progress we should".

Mr Major replied: "I share that view. Firearms, explosives, detonators — whether held by the IRA or held by the loyalist paramilitaries — need to be decommissioned.

"I am not concerned whether they are surrendered. I am concerned that they are decommissioned and destroyed so that they can no longer be used to disrupt the democratic life of Northern Ireland."

He added: "If progress is not made on this, then not only in my judgment would the other democratic parties in Northern Ireland politics not sit down with those who retain those weapons, neither I believe should any British government."



MPs seek overhaul of child agency

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

BACKBENCH MPs pleaded with the Government last night for an overhaul of the Child Support Agency.

Many MPs have been inundated with complaints about the csa, which was set up to ensure that absent parents pay child maintenance.

Frank Field, the Labour chairman of the Social Security Select Committee, suggested that the Government introduce a right of appeal, simplify the formula for calculating how much money fathers should be left with, and allow mothers to receive some maintenance without losing income support. The latter would help mothers to avoid being pressured into taking small payments from fathers in exchange for refusing to reveal their identity.

Sir Jerry Wiggin (Con. Weston-super-Mare) demanded less punitive financial demands. "We have created a monstrous bureaucracy which causes misery around the country," he said.

Bridging the big gap between thought and Act

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

When does an Act become the law of the land? Not when you might think. There is often a long, even indefinite, interval between the passage of legislation and its implementation. Many Acts permit a minister to announce dates when parts of a measure come into force. Such commencement orders are not just abstruse points for lawyers. They are of immense practical importance, as shown by the Government's contortions over compensation for victims of crime.

For 30 years, compensation for criminal injuries has been on an *ex gratia* basis related to common law principles of what the victim would have received if he or she had successfully sued the criminal. In 1979, the Pearson Commission recommended that this should be put on a statutory basis. The Government accepted the recommendation, but did nothing until 1988 and the Criminal Justice Act. Its section 171 put an obligation on the minister to bring these provisions into force. Nothing happened. Then in 1993, without any consultation, a White Paper proposed a radically different tariff scheme. Last June, the Lords amended the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill to require the Government to carry out its statutory obligation under section 171. This amendment was later removed in the Commons. There are several other examples.

This saga was related on Wednesday by Lord Ackner, a Law Lord, during a short debate in the Lords prompted by the report of a Hansard Society commission under Lord Hippon on the legislative process. Not for the first time their lordships showed they are more interested in the quality of lawmaking than most members of the Commons. The abuse of commencement orders is just one of the defects highlighted by the Hansard report. Lord Ackner argued that these orders can create an absence of parliamentary control and enable the Government to ignore reality by not being obliged to think through the consequences of proposals, "thus giving Parliament a false sense of security".

Lord Nathan, who initiated the debate, argued that legislation is "now not mandatory on government but permissive". He had written to the Lord Chancellor asking which provisions in Acts passed between 1989 and 1992 remained to be brought into force. In reply, the Lord Chancellor said it was not possible, "other than at disproportionate cost", to identify those provisions, though he believed the percentage not yet in-force is "around 1 per cent". But, as Lord Nathan noted, "which 1 per cent?"

Various solutions have been put forward. The Delegated Powers Scrutiny committee of the Lords suggested that provisions of an Act should come into force a specified time after Royal Assent unless previously brought into force by order. Alternatively, the provisions of an Act could lapse if not brought into force by order within a specified time.

In response, Lord Cranborne applied the diplomatic skills of the Cecil family. No government, he said, invites "Parliament to enact legislation without intending that it should be brought in effect. It is open to Parliament to specify the date on which or by which provisions will take effect. But that is a course which will not always, or even often, be the wisest one to take. Circumstances change." He suggested that it would be an uneconomical use of Parliament's time to have to introduce amending primary legislation whenever necessary to defer implementation. But that is a Sir Humphrey response. At present there are too many loopholes, which should be closed.

As Lord Cranborne claimed, the Government has responded to some of the criticisms of the legislative process, notably by extending consultation. Much more needs to be done. But few MPs are interested. The business managers and whips, of both parties, are mainly concerned with whether legislation is approved. Its quality is usually a secondary matter.

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MPs enter new era

MPs are to spend less time making Commons speeches and more time with their constituents (Arthur Leathley writes).

A new era of Commons working hours is planned to start next month, giving MPs ten Fridays to deal specifically with constituency business instead of attending the Commons. Under a trial scheme until October, they will also be pressed to make shorter speeches to make sure that night-time sittings finish earlier, ending the tradition of all-night debates. For the first time, MPs will sit on Wednesday mornings but will be given ten "constituency Fridays" allowing them to return to their constituencies.

The more flexible arrangement is the first step towards reforms that many MPs say would attract a wider cross-section of people into politics.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY: In the Commons, the Chancellor took questions on the Treasury, followed by the last questions to the Prime Minister before the Christmas recess. There was then a debate on administration services relating to the Social Security Department's responsibilities for the Child Support Agency. MPs debated the Consolidated of backbench debates. In the Lords, there was a debate on the Environment Bill's second reading.

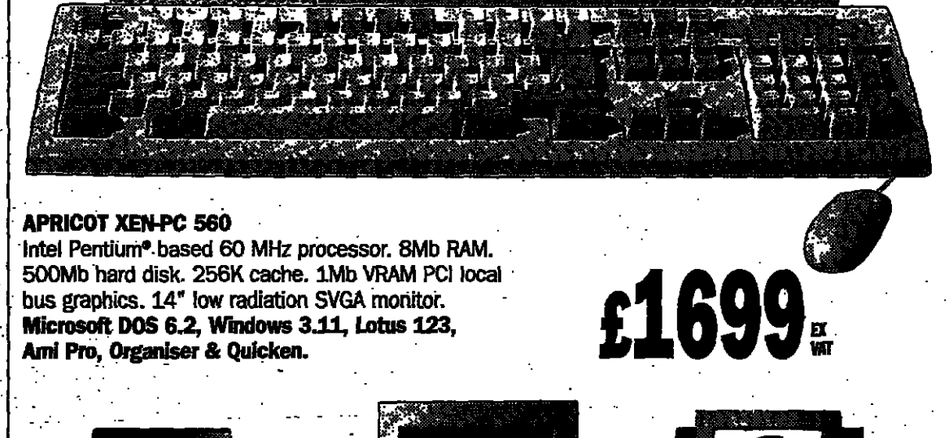
TODAY: In the Commons there will be a debate on the National Lottery. In the Lords there will be a debate on non-domestic rating regulations. The Lords will then rise for the Christmas recess, returning on January 9.

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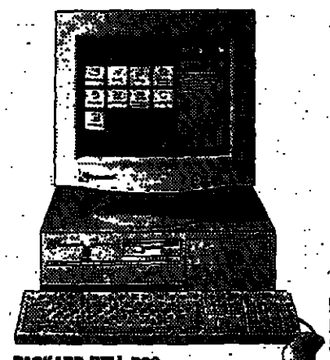
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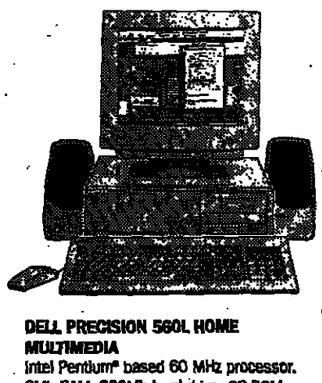
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Chechens dig in for a Russian onslaught

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN GROZNY

CHECHENIA was shrouded yesterday in thick fog. With their aircraft grounded and artillery blinded, the Russian forces were mostly silent: but though they are moving with glacial slowness, they are now only eight miles from the capital, Grozny, and have occupied a range of hills overlooking the city.

The Chechen fighters around Grozny spoke with scorn yesterday of the Russian ultimatum for them to disarm.

Major Hassan Bibulatov said: "We won't give them our arms, we will give the bullets and shells. We will never make peace with Russia."

All around the outskirts of Grozny, Chechen fighters were digging foxholes and preparing barricades. If the Russians blockade the city rather than attacking it, however, the civilian population may suffer great hardship. It looks as if no preparations have been made for a blockade.

The administration of Grozny's central district yesterday contained one drunken official and a cat, sharing a meal in front of a fire. He told us: "Preparations are unnecessary. The Chechen people are good at feeding themselves without looking to the Government for help."

In recent days Grozny has seen a two-way movement of people: a big stream of women and children pouring out to stay with relatives in the countryside, and a smaller stream of refugees from frontline villages coming to the relative safety of the capital. The kitchen at our hotel, the only place it is possible to keep warm, is now occupied by women from the bombarded village of Pervomaiskoye, relatives of the manageress. Their menfolk have stayed to fight.

Another stream out of Grozny has been made up of luxury cars and their proud owners, mainly "businessmen" from the Chechen community in Russia, who have also fled to the countryside.

One of them miscalculated. At Pervomaiskoye, the thump of a falling Russian shell was followed by the squawking of the alarm of a BMW parked in the yard of a half-finished mansion. A wave of laughter ran through the Chechen defenders.

Ordinary Chechen civilians have no choice but to stay and are making their own preparations for the coming storm. At the collective farm of Artyumovskoy, we saw about 60 women and children packed into a tunnel running under a grain elevator, with their bedding spread out on the conveyor belt.

Since three people were killed by a shell in the village three days ago, all the local children are being kept in the shelter. Many seem to be enjoying themselves, apparently oblivious to the danger, but their mothers are clearly terrified. They have heard evil tales of the behaviour of Russian soldiers towards women in neighbouring Ingushetia, and believe them even though the stories have never been substantiated.

A handsome mother of six, Rukyat Sharipova, sheltering in the tunnel with her mother and children, said: "We did not all support Dudayev in the past, but now we worship him as our leader against Russian aggression."



A Russian officer at Khasavyurt, near the Dagestan border with Chechenia, directs the driver of an armoured personnel carrier towards Grozny

General stakes all on dream of independence

BY RICHARD BEESTON

SEATED behind his desk in Grozny waiting for Russian troops to storm his presidential office, General Dzhokhar Dudayev does not at first glance live up to his reputation as a firebrand nationalist willing to fight to the death.

Dressed in crisply pressed combat fatigues with a neat pencil moustache, the short, wiry Chechen leader is a far cry from the woolly-hatted warriors performing the *zikr*, the traditional Chechen war dance, on the street outside.

And yet when he starts to speak the outward impression of a calm, restrained character soon gives way to reveal his passion, some might say fanaticism, to keep his country independent from Russia at all cost. "The soil must burn under the feet of the Russians," he said in his latest address on local television. "It is a war for life or death."

The roots of the Chechen leader's fierce nationalism can be traced back to the day he was born, 50 years ago, when the entire Chechen population of 800,000 was deported by Stalin to Kazakhstan for allegedly collaborating with the Nazis during the Second World War.



Dudayev: passion to keep his country independent

The young Chechen spent 13 years on the plains of central Asia, being constantly reminded of his homeland and of the deaths of hundreds of thousands of his compatriots, who perished from cold and disease on the road to their exile.

Instead of fighting the Soviet system he hated, General Dudayev opted to serve it. Joining the Soviet Air Force as an officer, he rose rapidly to become the first Chechen to reach to the rank of general. Even as Russian forces are engaged in combat with the rebels, former colleagues in the officer corps still remember General Dudayev fondly. "He was a good commander," recalled General Pyotr Deinekin, the head of the Russian Air Force. "He took good care of his people. It is not by chance that he became the first general in Chechen history. In fact I was sorry that he left the military."

However, at the height of his military career, when he was in command of the Soviet Union's north-western strategic bomber squadrons in Estonia, his latent nationalism was reignited. As he witnessed at first hand the independence movements sweeping through the Baltic states, he arranged for a parachutist to unfurl an Estonian national flag during a display at his base.

Resigning his command and returning to Chechenia, General Dudayev made little secret of his ambition to one day lead his country to independence. His opportunity came in the wake of the military coup against Mikhail Gorbachev. In the confusion of the collapse of the Soviet Union, he seized control of Chechenia and declared independence from Russia. A half-hearted attempt by President Yeltsin to reimpose rule from Moscow ended ignominiously, when Russian troops retreated after General Dudayev ordered them to leave his country.

Although he had achieved his dream of independence, the young Chechen state struggled to survive. Grozny became the centre of organised crime in Russia, as Chechen gangs used the country's porous borders to smuggle drugs and arms. The Government began to lose support as convicted criminals became attached to it, and General Dudayev flirted with fundamentalist Islam.

Now, however, the shortcomings of his rule seem comparatively insignificant as the young nation in the north Caucasus fights for its survival against overwhelming odds. According to reports from Moscow, two Russian special forces teams have been given orders to "eliminate" General Dudayev. Rumours in Grozny say that the general has already evacuated his Russian wife, three daughters and son to Estonia, where he is still remembered as a hero.

As for the general himself, few Chechens or Russians doubt his resolve to fight to the finish. As he said recently: "Our independence is for ever. On that my life is my wager."

Tapie's fate is sealed in court

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

RELIEF and a little gloating swept the leadership of the beleaguered French Socialist Party yesterday after a Paris court declared Bernard Tapie bankrupt. This ended the immediate political career of the flamboyant left-wing tycoon and saved the Socialists from extra humiliation in the presidential election.

"Tapie finished", proclaimed the headlines as the media took stock of the downfall of a self-made man whom they had helped to boost in a meteoric rise from the 1980s takeover merchant to government minister and presidential contender. In an acid comment, *Le Monde* said: "The higher a monkey climbs, the more it shows its backside. Bernard Tapie climbed very high and the fall is so brutal that one doubts that he will rebound."

The disgrace of M Tapie removes him as a thorn in the side of the struggling Socialists, who have been embarrassed by his criticism and self-promoting antics. Voicing the party's mood, Pierre Moscovici, a leading Socialist, said: "Bernard Tapie is neither a martyr nor a model. He



Tapie: leaving the court yesterday

was not a remedy for the Left's illness, he was a symptom. The Left should not have sponsored this sort of person, should not have made him into a star. That was part of the moral mistake which caused the Left to lose the elections in 1993."

The man who sponsored M Tapie and brought him into the Government in the early 1990s was President Mitterrand. The consensus here is that his goal was to use Michel Rocard, his old Socialist rival.

The commercial court decided that M Tapie, 51, was unable to cover the debts of two companies. M Tapie and his wife Dominique can appeal against the ruling which affects both. Credit Lyonnais, the state-run bank which lent him millions with the encouragement of M Mitterrand, says it will lose one billion francs (£118 million).



Berlusconi pins survival hopes on confidence vote

BY JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

FACED with a revolt by Northern League coalition allies, Silvio Berlusconi, the beleaguered Italian Prime Minister, yesterday had 90-minute talks in the Quirinale Palace with President Scalfaro.

Signor Berlusconi confirmed that he intended to seek a confidence vote in his five-party alliance next Wednesday. He also told the President that elections would have to be held if his Government lost the vote. Many believe the media tycoon's administration has been living on borrowed time since he was placed under investigation last month on suspicion of bribing tax inspectors looking into his Fininvest empire.

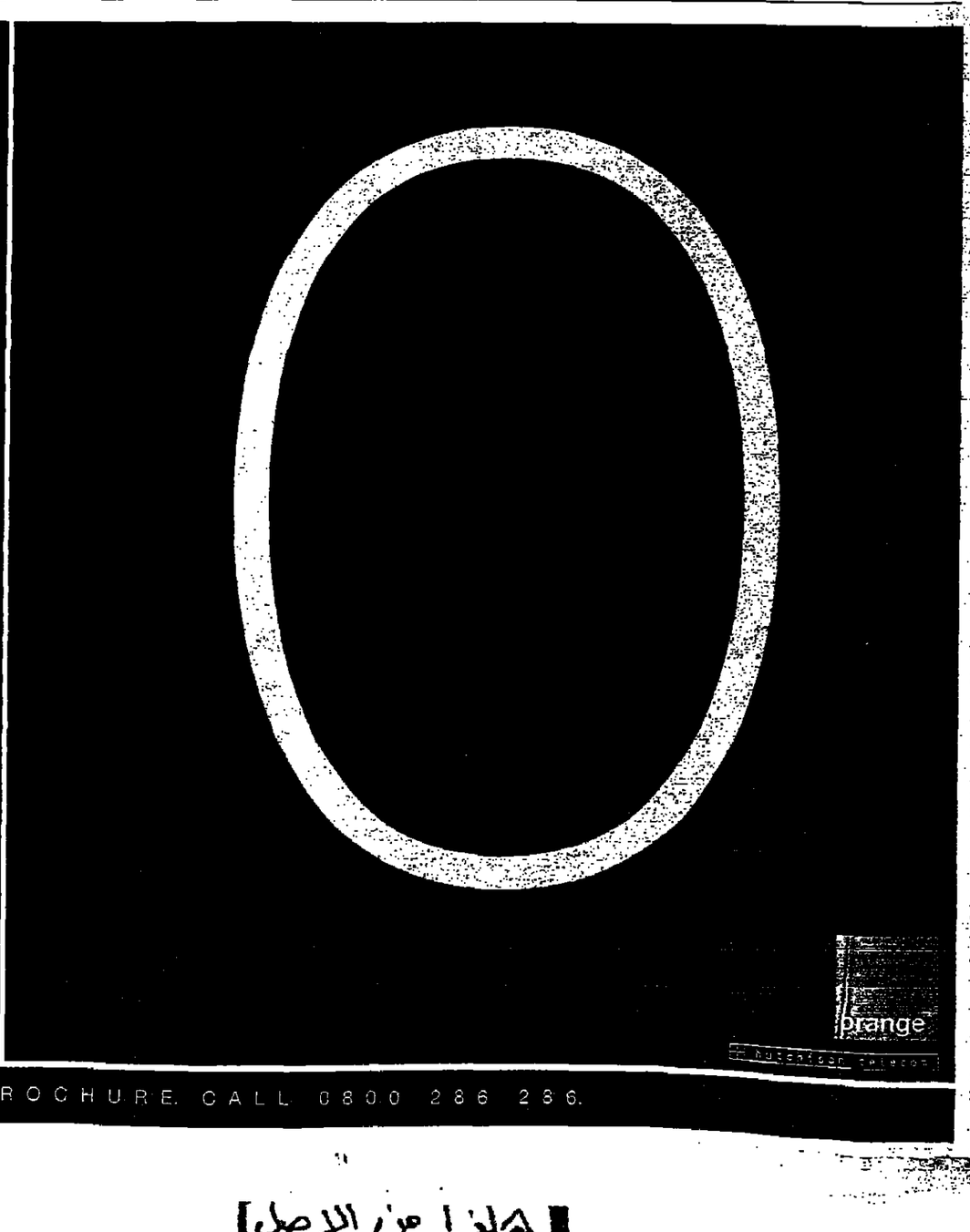
Signor Berlusconi, who shot to victory at the head of a conservative alliance in general elections last March, set the stage for a parliamentary showdown after the Northern League voted against the Government in parliament on Wednesday. Umberto Bossi, the League's leader, further enraged the Prime Minister and the hard right National Alliance coalition party by holding exploratory talks with left-wing and centrist opposition parties on a possible new ruling alliance.

Signor Bossi staked his party's claim to Signor Berlusconi's job in an interview published yesterday. But one man he has in mind to succeed the embattled Prime Minister said he was not interested. "The leadership of the next Government must go to the League, which has shown the path to change," Signor Bossi told the French daily *Le Figaro*. He does not want the job.

Roberto Maroni, the Interior Minister, who is viewed as a leading League candidate for the premiership, said he was not interested in leading or joining an alternative Government. Signor Maroni denied that the federalist League, which ensures the seven-month-old Government's parliamentary majority, was heading for a split.

Commentators said Signor Maroni may change his mind under pressure from Signor Bossi but some 60 League MPs are believed to be unhappy about abandoning their pact with Signor Berlusconi's Forza Italia grouping. There also are believed to be divisions within Forza Italia itself over whether to support Signor Berlusconi.

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Spectre of executed dictator lays dead hand on Romania's recovery

■ Five years on, the popular uprising in Timisoara has been hijacked by former officials of the Ceausescu regime, Adam LeBor writes

THE spectre of Nicolae Ceausescu still hangs over Romania. The hated dictator died beside his wife in front of a firing squad on Christmas Day five years ago, but his ghost lingers. Much of the warped version of state socialism that was his legacy to Romania has survived.

While its neighbours, such as Hungary, march forward, Romania sometimes appears to be going backwards. Many of the former communist officials who are believed to have organised the revolution to prevent any genuine democratic transformation, are still in command, led by President Iliescu. The dreaded Securitate has been reborn as the Romanian Intelligence Service with many officers still at their old desks, while their former colleagues have used their connections to set up successful businesses. Much of the country's privatisation programme is stalled in a cul-de-sac of corruption and vested interests; structural reform crawls along and while other East European capitals have thriving stock exchanges, Romania has only street vendors selling cigarettes and fizzy drinks.

More than a million people are unemployed and almost half the 23 million population lives on the poverty line. Since the revolution, birth rates and life expectancy have actually gone down.

Romania aims to join the European Union and proclaims its adherence to democratic norms, but the Social Democrat Government of Nicolae Vacaroiu, the Prime Minister, is held hostage by the far-right. Instead of concerning itself with the abysmal infrastructure, parliament spends its time passing laws aimed at antagonising the country's two million ethnic Hungarians.

There is strong concern in the West about Romania's human rights record. Anti-gypsy prejudice is endemic, and there is discrimination against homosexuals.

Five years on from the revolution, Romania is unable to light city streets at night. Just as in Ceausescu's time, there is a chronic shortage of light bulbs. And driving at night is a hazardous slalom down bumpy, unlit roads, between meandering pedestrians and cars.

Even so, there are signs of change here in Timisoara, the cradle of the revolution. The streets of this cosmopolitan city boast shops offering expensive goods to the growing class of the *nouveau riche*. Young people dine at a pizza restaurant a few yards from where the first of the hundreds killed in 1989 fell.

And at least now Romanians have the freedom to protest without being shot. Edit Balazs, 19, a student, said: "Before, we were under terrible psychological pressure all the time. Now we can travel wherever we want and say whatever we want, which is an incredible difference."

Thousands of striking industrial workers took to the streets for days this week in the western Transylvanian industrial town of Resita, forcing the Prime Minister to meet them. The strikers claimed victory after Mr Vacaroiu agreed to backpay and gave the town's industrial plants a big order for hydro-electrical equipment.

Romania's slow economic progress is not because of lack of support from the West. The country asked for $700 million (£466 million) from the IMF under a 1994-95 restructuring deal. It got $454 million then, but last month the IMF said that market reforms must be speeded up.

However, inflation has fallen from 300 per cent to 100 per cent a year and is expected to decline further. Growth is forecast to reach 3 per cent next year. Foreign investment is slowly trickling in.

For many Romanians, the plaudits or the condemnation of the international community are meaningless. Their concerns are work, food, housing and heating. Here too, as all over Eastern Europe, there is nostalgia for the old regime. Elderly Romanians gathered at Ceausescu's grave in Bucharest earlier this month, lighting candles in his memory. "He was like a father to us. He gave us cheap housing and food. He didn't deserve to be killed," one woman said.



Ceausescu: mourned as a father by elderly

Sea King hit as Carter weighs Bosnia mission

BY TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A ROYAL Navy helicopter on way to Sarajevo to pick up Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the United Nations commander in Bosnia, was hit by small arms fire yesterday.

The Sea King from 845 Squadron made an emergency landing in the Bosnian Government-held town of Kiseljak, 18 miles west of Sarajevo and there were no injuries. A UN spokesman said the firing appeared to come from an area controlled by Bosnian government forces. About 12 small-arms rounds struck the tail section.

The helicopter had been on its way from Split to Sarajevo to pick up General Rose and fly him to a meeting with Nato's Southern Europe Command officers in Italy. General Rose later took another helicopter. Last night a British Sea Harrier jet used in operations over Bosnia crashed in the Adriatic as it was returning to the *Invincible*. The pilot ejected to safety.

The attack on the helicopter came as William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, welcomed a possible peace mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina by former President Carter, but critics of the initiative said the planned visit would play into the hands of Serb strongmen.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, had proposed a ceasefire and a number of other concessions to persuade Mr Carter to visit the region and promote a Bosnian settlement.

Britain reacted coolly to the offer, saying that the Bosnian Serb leader must address proposals put forward by the international community. Willy Claes, the Nato Secretary-General, was not enthusiastic about the prospect of mediation by Mr Carter, saying that the Serb conditions for a ceasefire did not amount to a recipe for peace. "I do not see why it is necessary to call in a former President of the United States in order to obtain a ceasefire," he said.

Mr Perry, in Brussels, said that if Dr Karadzic kept to his promise the visit would be a positive step, but added: "Past history of offers from the Bosnian Serbs have indicated there is some need for scepticism."



Carter: Bosnia mission prompts scepticism

The six-point programme from Pale, the Bosnian Serb headquarters, included the liberation of United Nations peacekeepers now held hostage, freedom of movement for relief convoys, a ceasefire around Sarajevo and the release of Muslim prisoners of war aged 19 and under as well as a "guarantee of human rights now and in the future".

In Washington, the White House, aware of previously awkward dealings with Mr Carter in his missions to North Korea and Haiti, has stipulated that he will travel to the former Yugoslavia only as a private citizen and not with the specific imprimatur of the President.

A Clinton administration official said last night that the Bosnian Serbs appeared to be implementing their assurances and Mr Carter could be on his way by the weekend. The Carter Centre in Georgia would not confirm any travel arrangements.

Mr Carter had broken the news of his visit to CNN the previous evening after Dr Karadzic had called his home in Plains, Georgia. "I called President Clinton and informed him about the concessions being made, and he was pleased. But I think — like many other people — somewhat sceptical," he said.

Dr Karadzic had suggested that he could broker a better deal with Mr Carter than with either the United States or its European allies, who with Russia, have sought unsuccessfully to act as mediators. "America has been a little biased toward the Muslims," Dr Karadzic said. "Mr Carter will be impartial."

☐ **Bonn:** Germany plans to offer air cover and other help if UN forces are withdrawn from Bosnia, government sources said. *(Reuter)*



Taslima Nasreen at a press conference after winning the Sakharov Prize

Nasreen awarded £12,000 by MEPs

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN STRASBOURG

TASLIMA NASREEN, the controversial Bangladeshi writer, has won the European Parliament's Sakharov Prize for freedom of thought. "This prize gives me strength and encouragement in my struggle: I will go on fighting for human rights as long as necessary," she said in her acceptance speech.

Nasreen, 32, is accused by Bangladeshi fundamentalists of blasphemy and conspiracy against Islam. Like Salman Rushdie, author of *The Satanic Verses*, she has an Islamic death sentence hanging over her. In her writings she has condemned the oppression of women.

Shame, her 1993 novel, was banned in Bangladesh for allegedly fomenting tension between Muslim communities there and in India. She fled Bangladesh last August, and is a refugee in Sweden.

Klaus Haensch, the European Parliament's President, who presented the prize, said Nasreen "has been a symbol of the international struggle for freedom of expression." The prize is worth 15,000 ecus (about £12,000).

Previous winners have included President Mandela, when he was leader of the African National Congress, and Alexander Dubcek, the former Czech leader.

German neo-Nazi faces a retrial

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

ONE of Germany's most outspoken neo-Nazi sympathisers is to be retried for questioning the truth of the Holocaust. Gunther Deckert, head of the far-right National Democratic Party, was given a one-year suspended sentence this year.

Questioning the historical truth of the Holocaust is encitement to racial hatred in German law. But the softness of the sentence in June, and judges' comments describing Herr Deckert almost flatteringly as a "strong-willed, responsible personality with clear principles", sparked outrage in Israel, America and among the Jewish community.

The Supreme Court ruled yesterday that suspension of the sentence was inappropriate. "Whoever closes his eyes to the historical truth does not deserve to have his sentence commuted," the judge said.

The case against the teacher, 51, has been muddying the waters of the German judicial system for almost two years. Herr Deckert was convicted in 1992 after reading aloud at a rally from the works of a US revisionist on the Holocaust. That verdict was overturned, a ruling that was itself quashed by a Supreme Court order of a retrial. It was at that retrial last June that the suspended sentence was imposed, prompting many protests.

Estonia will not be raised

FROM NICHOLAS GEORGE IN STOCKHOLM

THE Swedish Government will not salvage the Baltic ferry, *Estonia*, thought to contain the bodies of more than 800 passengers and crew.

Instead the ship will be declared a grave and covered to prevent attempts to plunder or salvage parts of the vessel. No official efforts will be made to recover the bodies, a decision some relatives have described as "hellish".

Ingvar Carlsson, the Prime Minister, said his decision was the most painful and difficult he had made as a politician.

A special ethics committee unanimously advised against salvaging the boat because it could be dangerous and traumatic.



German soldiers folding away the Union Jack after it was lowered for the last time at Alexander Barracks in Berlin yesterday following the British withdrawal

Engaged priests deaf to sin

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE growing passion for mobile telephones among Italians is, paradoxically, dissuading them from admitting their sins. More and more priests take their *telefonini* into the confessional box to keep in touch with parishioners, Roman Catholic newspapers said yesterday.

Readers of *Famiglia Cristiana*, a mass circulation weekly, wrote in to complain that they were frequently interrupted by callers to their confessors. "I already find it disconcerting to be face to face with a priest. It distracts and blocks me," said a reader from Vicenza. "Imagine what it is like if he has a cellular phone in his hand."

The letters have sparked a lively debate with clergy and lay people divided over the pros and cons of mobile communication. *Famiglia Cristiana's* agony columnist urged pious readers not to give up confession because of trendy pastors. "This would be like giving up bread because of a rude baker," he said. But he also called on voluble clergymen to show restraint.

But Father Claudio Sorgi, a television critic for the Catholic daily *Avvenire*, said he would not know what to do without his *telefonino* and kept it with him even in the confessional. "I don't see anything wrong," he told *La Stampa*. "All that is needed is to turn it off in certain circumstances." He was backed by Father Aldo Rabino, a priest who has specialised in working with football hooligans. He said his *telefonino* was essential: "I am far from home. If I did not have a mobile, I could not take part in this debate. I do not take it into the confessional. It is a useful instrument so long as one makes use of it in a moral context."

A clergyman, who is a national hero for his work with drug addicts, disagreed. "We priests are not yuppies," said Don Gelmini. "This story of the *telefonini* is absurd, incredible. I work with 150 different communities in Italy and abroad, but manage without a mobile phone. I understand businessmen need them, but we must retain a sense of mission."

THE WORLD IN SUMMARY

Warning by Rabin on Korea

Seoul: Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said North Korea's military co-operation with Iran, especially in missile development, posed a threat to the Middle East peace process.

He claimed after talks here with President Kim Young Sam that North Korea was developing Rodong missiles, with a range of 800 miles, with Iran's financial support. Without giving further details, he said North Korea had sent defence technology and medium-range Scud missiles to Iran and Syria, helping them to upgrade their missile development capability. He and President Kim called for international efforts to halt military co-operation between North Korea and Middle Eastern countries. *(AFP)*

Ethiopian defends role

Addis Ababa: A member of Ethiopia's former Marxist military junta, on trial with 44 other officials of former President Mengistu's regime for genocide and murder, defended his record and said that he was in the dock of a "kangaroo" court.

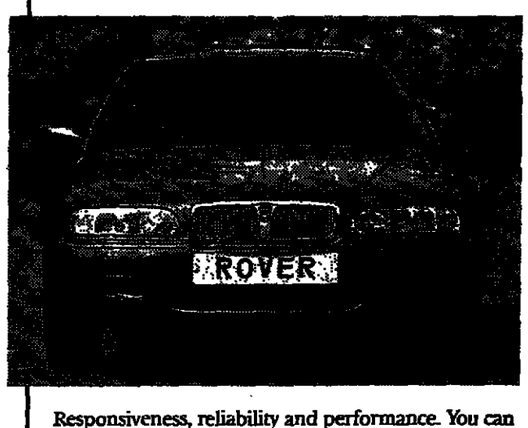
Fikre Selassie Wogdereyes, the former Prime Minister, said in an emotional defence that the Derg military council which took power after a popular uprising against the monarchy saved the country. "We did not conspire, we were welcomed," he said. *(Reuter)*

Jurassic bark: the sequel

Sydney: Just a day after the announcement that pine trees thought extinct for 150 million years still thrive in Australia, horticulturalists said that they had produced a seedling.

Forty seeds from the grove of Wollemi pines have been incubated and one has sprouted, said Cathy Offord, a research officer at the Mount Annan Botanic Garden. *(AP)*

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Clinton policy relaunch written off by critics

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON won a small battle against irrelevance when America's main television networks finally agreed to broadcast his Oval Office address to the nation last night, but there was doubt he could win the wider war.

The speech was an attempt to relaunch Mr Clinton's presidency after last month's election debacle, but even before he delivered it analysts expressed scepticism that the self-proclaimed "Comeback Kid" could recover yet again.

The tone of much of yesterday's commentary was almost mocking. "For perhaps the fourth or fifth and probably most important time, President Clinton tonight officially tries to start his presidency over," began a front-page article in *The Washington Post*.

"The political weather vane atop the White House is spinning like a chihuahua on speed. Yes, the hunt is on once again for Bill Clinton's convictions," *USA Today* declared.

A senior Democratic senator told *The New York Times* that it was "hard to see how we escape from the wilderness."

The paper also quoted an unnamed British minister as saying: "No point in trying to deal with the Administration any more. They've had the stuffing knocked out of them."

A *Wall Street Journal*-NBC poll showed only 38 per cent of Americans would vote for Mr Clinton were there an election today, with 40 per cent of Democrats and independents saying that the party should choose another candidate to run in 1996. Mr Clinton and his top aides had laboured all week on an address that was one of the most crucial of his political career.



Gephardt: snub for President's tax plans

He was striving to re-establish his centrist credentials by proposing tax breaks worth $55 billion (£35 billion) over five years for families with young children or heavy college bills, and annual incomes below $100,000.

The breaks would be financed by deep cuts in the federal bureaucracy, but for all Mr Clinton's rhetorical panache this was a strategy fraught with danger.

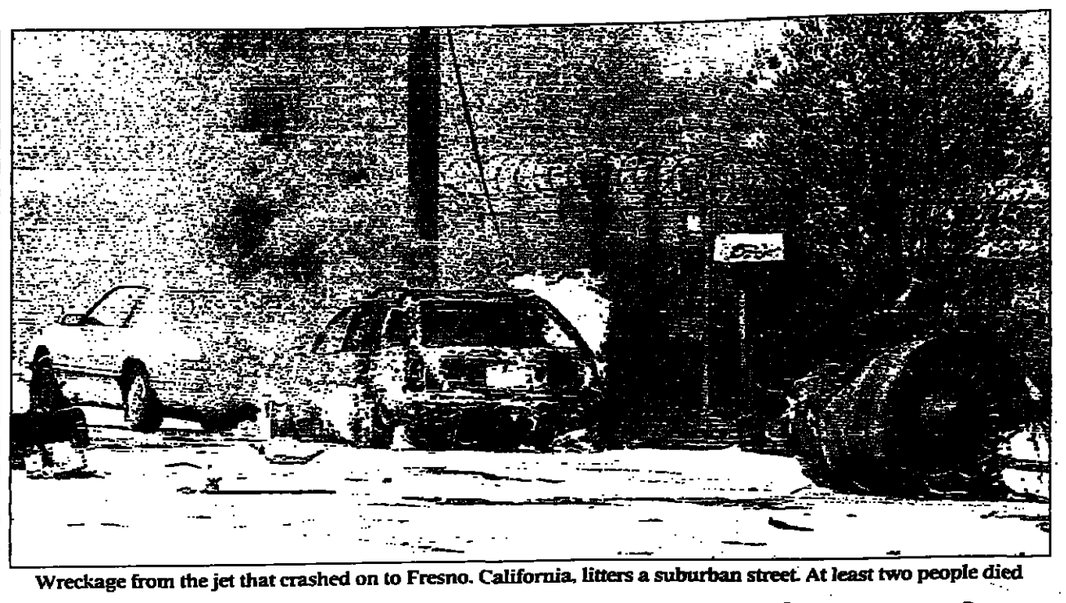
By lurching rightwards so obviously, Mr Clinton risks exacerbating the public's perception of him as "Slick Willie", an opportunist politician lacking core convictions. Even David Gergen, his departing image-maker, admitted this week that "the country has lost sight of who he is".

By seeming to embrace the Republicans' agenda, albeit in milder form, Mr Clinton risks alienating his liberal base while winning few new converts. "Cowboys who pose as Indians are seldom convincing, and many Democrats are uncomfortable trying to out-Republican the Republicans," wrote Johnny Apple, *The New York Times*' veteran political analyst.

Earlier yesterday, Phil Gramm, the conservative senator who plans to seek the Republicans' 1996 nomination, unveiled tax-cut proposals of his own which again went considerably further than Mr Clinton's. He called the President's plan a "non-starter".

Mr Clinton can no longer even count on the support of congressional Democrats who published their own proposed tax cuts on Tuesday without bothering to wait for his. "Our agenda will come from America's houses, not from the White House," said Richard Gephardt, the Democrats' House minority leader.

Mr Clinton had at one point considered delivering the address not from the Oval Office, but from a fireside in the White House private quarters. That idea was scotched because it was eerily reminiscent of President Carter's ill-received "fireside chats".



Wreckage from the jet that crashed on to Fresno, California, litters a suburban street. At least two people died

New US air crash prompts safety review

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE United States Government has ordered the most comprehensive review ever of airline safety as investigators yesterday sought to find the cause of the second fatal crash by a commuter plane in less than two months.

Federico Pena, the US Transportation Secretary, demanding a safety audit of America's airlines and an accelerated timetable for new and stricter rules for commuter planes, said yesterday: "We are going to do this as quickly as possible. This is a very high priority."

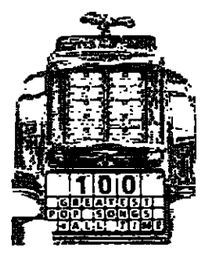
His comments followed the deaths of 15 passengers in the crash of an American Eagle Jetstream Super 31 at Raleigh, North Carolina on Tuesday night. On October 31, an American Eagle Atr-72 crashed in Indiana, leaving 68 passengers and crew dead.

Initial guidelines, which include increased pilot training and fewer flying hours, will be completed within 100 days. They would place commuter flights, those with 30 or fewer seats, under the same rules as the larger carriers.

Mr Pena said he would bring together the heads of airlines, safety officers and pilots for a summit and added that the Federal Aviation Authority would launch its most extensive study to date.

Safety fears extend beyond commuter lines. Only this week a California Air National Guard jet crashed in Fresno, California, killing two people and injuring at least 15.

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IRA link in £200m Boston art robbery

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE theft of artworks worth £200 million from a Boston art gallery in 1990 may have been the work of the IRA, according to investigators and art experts trying to solve one of the biggest robberies in the history of art.

Twelve works, including an oil painting by the Dutch master Jan Vermeer and Rembrandt's only known seascape, were stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. None has resurfaced, prompting speculation that they may have been sold to a private collector.

Yesterday *The New York Times* reported that a convicted IRA gun-runner contacted a former FBI agent soon after the theft saying he wanted to discuss "a big art theft" that would make the investigator "very important". The informant, Joseph Murray, convicted for attempting to smuggle weapons to the IRA, was killed before the meeting.

The Boston robbery, carried out by two men in uniform claiming they were investigating a disturbance, took place in the early hours of March 18, the night after St Patrick's Day.

Anne Hawley, current director of the Gardner museum, said the 1990 theft was similar in several respects to earlier art thefts linked to the IRA. Martin Galvin, a spokesman for Irish Northern Aid or Noraid, the principal pro-republican organisation in America, said the suggestion of IRA involvement in the Boston theft was ludicrous. "There's a lot of political and moral support for the Irish struggle in the US. It would be pragmatically, as well as morally wrong, to jeopardise that support," Mr Galvin told *The New York Times*.

The thieves were well-organised and discriminating in their choice of artworks, according to investigators. Both wore false moustaches and carried two-way radios, apparently to maintain contact with lookouts and a getaway vehicle.

After spending an hour and 20 minutes selecting works they removed the museum's surveillance videotape before escaping.

Fiji votes to retain royal day

Suva: Fiji's Senate was so anxious to maintain links with the Royal Family that it voted against abolishing November 14 as an annual public holiday marking the Prince of Wales's birthday. Fiji has been a republic since 1987.

All 20 senators who voted to restore the holiday are tribal chiefs, who said that abolishing it would be disrespectful, since their ancestors had ceded the Fijian islands to Queen Victoria in 1874. *(AP)*

Poll ratified

Stockholm: The Swedish parliament voted to join the European Union, confirming the result of last month's referendum. MPs voted to change the constitution and join the EU on January 1. *(Reuter)*

Fire arrests

Peking: Nineteen people have been arrested in connection with the fire last week in a cinema in Karamay, in the north-western Xinjiang province of China, that killed 325 people, 288 of them children. *(Reuter)*

School suicide

Tokyo: A pupil, 15, in Fukushima, north of Tokyo, hanged himself after naming three classmates as bullies. His was the third such death in three weeks, sparking fears of copy-cat suicides. *(Reuter)*

Troops kill 20

Monrovia: Militiamen loyal to Charles Julue, the failed coup leader, rampaged through a suburb of Monrovia, the Liberian capital, killing at least 20 civilians, witnesses said. *(Reuter)*

Giza diversion

Cairo: In the wake of international criticism, Egypt is to re-route a new motorway to avoid the pyramids at Giza. It will now run more than two miles from the original route. *(AFP)*

Turning point

Carcassonne: A drunken, suicidal student in southern France lay down on a railway line and dozed off. He was run over by a train, whose driver found him asleep by the track with a toe missing. *(AFP)*

Campaign team buys off sex-claim woman

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S 1992 campaign secretly paid $37,500 (£24,000) to an unnamed woman who claimed she had been sexually harassed by a senior member of Mr Clinton's election team, it was revealed yesterday.

In terms of the settlement, the woman, a campaign accountant, was bound to silence. Had she revealed her charges she would have embarrassed Mr Clinton at a time when his presidential ambitions were already threatened by his own alleged womanising as Governor of Arkansas.

The charges were made against David Watkins, an old Arkansan friend of Mr Clinton and the campaign's administrative chief. Despite the allegations, he later became director of White House administration. He left last May after he used a presidential helicopter for a golfing trip at a cost to taxpayers of $13,129.

The payment to the woman surfaced after auditors recommended to the Federal Election Commission this week that the Clinton campaign be ordered to repay a record $4.1 million in taxpayers' money for campaign expenses the auditors deemed illegitimate. The expenses included $37,500 for what campaign accounts described as an "employee-related dispute". *The Wall Street Journal* revealed the truth yesterday.

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Muslims pave way for wide trade curbs

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

WORLD Muslim leaders yesterday moved closer to imposing the kind of trade sanctions on countries supporting Serbia that for almost 40 years were invoked against nations trading with Israel.

At the Casablanca summit of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, the leaders also set up a fund for Bosnia to which each of the 52 members was asked to contribute between $500,000 (£320,000) and $5 million. Saudi Arabia announced that it had collected $175 million in private donations, and that the Saudi Government was offering an additional $500 million to alleviate the suffering of Bosnian Muslims — an amount equal to the total funding by aid agencies for a year.

The leaders also demanded more troops and equipment for the United Nations Protection Force, and offered to send Islamic forces to Bosnia to replace any Western forces that are withdrawn.

A declaration summing up three days of anguished debate on the plight of co-religionists in Bosnia by Muslim kings, presidents and prime ministers condemned "any aid, direct or indirect, to the Serb aggressors". They said they would "review economic relations between our countries and those who back the Serbian position".

This laid open the way for an economic boycott, similar to the ostracism in the Arab world of Western companies that traded with, or invested in, Israel. However the recommendation was not binding, nor was indirect aid to Serbia defined.

The summit also insisted that the arms embargo "cannot, legally or morally, be applied to the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina". But it stopped short of recommended unilateral flouting of the UN resolution. It called for Islamic foreign ministers to send a delegation to the capitals of the permanent members of the Security Council to explain their position on Bosnia.

Last night, the declaration drew a scornful response from President Izetbegovic of Bosnia. He said that he wanted action, not words, to stop Radovan Karadzic, the Serb leader. "No proclamations are necessary. He and his armies stop the envoys and the communications. Let him stop." He also expressed doubts whether anything would come of the fund to help his country.

Bosnia overshadowed the conference, but other conflicts in Muslim countries were also discussed, including the war in Afghanistan and the conflict between Iraq and the West. But they made no statement about the Russian action against Chechenia. The status of Jerusalem was considered, but Jordan expressed disappointment that the conference failed to endorse King Husain's role as the trustee of Muslim holy shrines in Jerusalem.

The King and other leaders also tried to grapple with the growing influence of Muslim radicals and fundamentalists. The Jordanian monarch insisted that the message of Islam must be one of tolerance to the world.

"Regrettably this challenge has recently assumed another darker dimension, that of fear of Islam — thus tarnishing its image and attributing to the faith matter which could not possibly be part thereof," he said.

King Hassan of Morocco, the conference host, suggested that Muslim countries should set up a religious college to define Islamic doctrine and counter fundamentalist "heresies". His proposal was not adopted in the final document.

Children paying price for success

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

HALF a million Asian children working in sweatshops, brothels and on the streets are silent victims of the region's economic boom, the United Nations reported yesterday.

The world's fastest pace of economic growth, enjoyed by countries of the East Asia and Pacific region, has left large groups of society in poverty, hastening the collapse of traditional standards and safety-nets, the UN Children's Fund (Unicef) said.

Daniel Brooks, the agency's regional director, said in Bangkok: "We are seeing the erosion of family values and that includes the exploitation of children."

Sandra Mason, deputy chairman of the Geneva-based UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, added: "We take them for granted, we say children are the future, but we don't make provision for the future." However, Ms Mason, from Barbados, said that governments had responded well to a convention on the rights of the child, which had been ratified by 17 countries in the region.

"Normally, governments ratify conventions then blithely ignore them. Nobody has done that with children," she said. Vietnam's response had been among the best.

Unicef said its statistics showed that in Thailand there were 10,000 street children and 100,000 child prostitutes. In Cambodia, 20 per cent of beggars are children, and China has 200,000 street children; Indonesia has 50,000 working children and Malaysia has 75,000. There were 100,000 child prostitutes in the Philippines, and 50,000 homeless children in Vietnam.

"One problem is that families lose their land and come to Hanoi. They have no money, the girls become prostitutes and get arrested," said a Vietnamese woman, attending a Unicef seminar on legal protection for children.

On a wider and brighter note, the 1995 *State of the World's Children* report said developing nations generally were winning the battle to improve the life of their young, despite threats from war and poverty that delay health and educational goals. It said that the ever-widening net of immunisation and better primary health care meant that, in five years, most Third World nations would meet most goals set at the 1990 World Summit for Children.

The summit's targets include cutting down child deaths by a third and malnutrition by half, and controlling serious childhood diseases. At least 80 per cent of the children were to complete primary school, a still elusive goal.

Immunisation levels have increased, measles deaths are down by 80 per cent, large areas of the developing world are free of polio, iodine deficiency disorders are being eliminated, and oral rehydration therapy is rising. Unicef conceded that malnutrition remained the largest single factor of infant mortality. Only 21 nations are expected to reach a target of a 20 per cent reduction by next year.

☐ **Rome:** The Pope, in a special Christmas letter, told Roman Catholic children that by praying for peace they could help to ease the misery brought into the world by adults. *(Reuter)*



While parts of the Third World are managing to improve children's lives, there is still a long way to go, the UN says

Boy raised by family dogs in Hungary

BY ADAM LEBOR

A HUNGARIAN boy of four has been taken into protective custody by welfare officials after he was discovered being reared by dogs.

The child, identified only as Berci, appears to have adopted canine rather than human behaviour characteristics after being deprived of love and attention by his parents, and turning to the family's two pet dogs for warmth.

Officials said that the boy sniffs at his food then laps it up, sleeps curled up in a corner, and growls. He cannot talk but responds to simple commands.

The boy's mother and local officials are under investigation. All could face charges of endangering a minor. "In this age, children's spiritual and bodily development is very vulnerable and they can easily become victims of crime," said Dr Janos Berenyi at police headquarters in Gyor county, western Hungary, the *Kurir* newspaper reported.

The child lives in the village of Szil. His mother works but his father is unemployed and spends his time drinking, the paper said.

Mihaly Szecsenyi, director of the county's child protection agency, said the boy "needed somewhere to belong, to find some warmth, so he spent his time with the family's two dogs".



Soros: has confidence in South Africa's future

£40m 'gift' for black housing

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

GEORGE SOROS, the Hungarian-born financier, said yesterday he was committing £40 million to South Africa's housing programme.

Mr Soros, who 18 months ago launched a political charity called the Open Society Foundation for South Africa, said he expected the charity to build 200,000 homes for the poorest of the black community over the next five years.

Herb Sturtz, a former deputy mayor of New York, is to head the project. Mr Soros is pledging 20 million rands (£3.6 million) of start-up money and 200 million rands of guarantees to the project. His 20 million rands will be matched by the South African Government.

A new non-governmental body, the National Urban Reconstruction and Housing Agency, is to handle the funds.

Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, the former leader of the liberal Democratic Party who is now chairman of the Open Society Foundation, said: "George Soros's commitment to housing in South Africa is an extraordinary vote of confidence in the future."

Drugs 'subvert politics in Asia'

FROM REUTER IN DELHI

DRUG trafficking has become the world's second most lucrative business after the arms trade, mopping up $400 billion (£260 billion) a year and subverting political systems in Asia, Interpol officials said yesterday.

"The estimated turnover of $400 billion has the power to corrupt almost everyone," said R. E. Kendall, Interpol's Secretary-General, at the organisation's Asian conference in the Indian capital.

Other officials of the Lyons-based international police organisation said Asian governments were particularly vulnerable to trafficking as more than 80 per cent of the world's heroin originated in the Golden Triangle on the borders of Burma, Thailand and Laos, and in the Golden Crescent straddling Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"This makes the weaker Asian countries particularly vulnerable to subversion," said Iqbal Hussain Rizvi, Interpol's chief drugs officer. Heroin accounts for $200 billion of the drugs trade, and cocaine $150 billion, with the rest is divided between cannabis and several drugs popular in South Africa, he added.

The end of the Cold War had left global terrorism without financiers, prompting the groups to turn to the drug business, Mr Rizvi said. "Drugs have taken over as the chief means of financing terrorism. There are no more free gifts from the earlier patrons."

He said the Kurdish revolt in Turkey was financed largely by money from heroin trafficking. The land route to Europe went from Afghanistan to Iran and passed through the Kurdish areas, which had a concentration of heroin-refining factories.

Some officials said large quantities of drugs money were being laundered in European banks. "We have big difficulties because of their secrecy laws — that's much more the case with Swiss banks," said one. "The BCCI (Bank of Credit and Commerce International) was only the tip of the iceberg."

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A flood of new investment is pouring into NHS Trusts for new private wings. Patients will benefit but the independent sector is running scared

Are private hospitals doomed?



MARGOT NORMAN

The private sector in medicine had a nasty shock last week. It didn't shock me, and it probably didn't shock you that the Government decided to allow the Chelsea and Westminster NHS Trust to do what the older London teaching hospitals did years ago, and open a small private ward; but it shocked the private hospitals rigid. They wailed, they gnashed their teeth, and through the Independent Healthcare Association they issued the most hysterical press release I have seen for ages. Its unmistakeable subtext was: "We have seen the writing on the wall."

Now why should the arrival of a competitor with a mere 15 beds send London's private hospitals into such a spin? The answer is that they cannot compete, and they know it. All they do is scream about the unfair competition. To the Independent Healthcare Association, those 15 beds signal "the uncontrolled growth of private facilities in the NHS", a prospect which turns socialists and medical entrepreneurs into appalled and pugnacious bedfellows.

A bit of a poser, that, for a government keen to promote a mixed economy in healthcare. In the Chelsea and Westminster case, punches from the left were easier to deflect than those from the right. It seems that no NHS patients will be displaced because the hospital has spare capacity, no NHS cash will be diverted because the hospital's endowment fund will bear the capital costs, and substantial profits will be ploughed back.

What is a Conservative minister to say, though, when the free enterprise (by definition lean and efficient) element of the mixed economy begs for protection from the publicly funded (by definition slack and in need of further tightening up) element?

Well, I shall leave that conundrum to the politicians and speak as a taxpayer and occasional patient who happens not to have the sort of job that provides health insurance. Try as I may, I can find no tears to shed for the private hospitals, not even for the Royal Masonic which first went private and then went bust. Of course a small private hospital will find it hard to compete with the private bit of an NHS juggernaut, but I don't see what right it has to demand a level playing field. If there are profits to be made, let them be made in, and returned to, the NHS.

The Kuwaiti-owned St Martin's Group, which includes the Lister hospital down the road from the Chelsea and Westminster, makes a pre-tax profit of just under 10 per cent on a turnover of £36 million.

This is good going by private sector standards, but NHS hospitals reckon to do more than twice as well as that on their private work. So they should, because almost all the investment needed to care for their private patients has already been made in order to care for their NHS patients. Private hospitals have much higher unit costs because, like the first class sections on aeroplanes, they are designed to make a profit when they are only half full. At St Mary's, Paddington, the veteran private Lindo wing aims for a profit of 26 per cent after paying the main hospital its share of the overheads.

For political purposes it suits the private sector to challenge these figures and mutter darkly about hidden cross-subsidies from the NHS, but this is a case of the pot calling the kettle black. Hasn't the NHS been subsidising the private hospitals for years by training their staff, by bearing the capital costs of much of the equipment they use, by prescribing expensive drugs through GPs and latterly by providing massively expensive intensive baby care for sickly foreign triplets conceived in private fertility clinics?

Ian Robertson, private patients' manager at St Mary's, predicts a flood of private investment into NHS hospitals (and a concomitant rash of private hospital closures) now that the Government is actively, if a little cautiously, encouraging the practice under the Private Finance Initiative. Draft Labour party papers now in circulation suggest that a new government would continue this, and private investors will surely find the returns attractive.

At St Mary's they want to increase their 45 private beds to 65, borrowing the capital required in the marketplace. Mr Robertson says a flourishing private wing strengthens the consultants' loyalty to their hospital: "The younger consultants want the place to prosper, and they don't want rooms in Harley Street so we give them rooms here."

All in all, it looks as though the future mixed economy in British healthcare could be a paradoxical beast, a mixture of public and private within the NHS, with little room for the private sector as we now know it.

Harley Street may wither, and the health insurers may sell off their hospitals for housing and put their cash into joint ventures with the NHS.

The private sector, which already provides nearly three quarters of nursing and residential home beds for the elderly, may take over the old and leave the young to the NHS.

And will the patients like it better that way, I wonder? I think they may (until they get old, that is), with two important provisos. The first is that a fair proportion of profit is ploughed back into facilities for the care of both NHS and private patients. The second, which could be trickier, involves ensuring that consultants and managers are not tempted to connive in improving both their waiting lists and their balance sheets by a little — how shall I put it? — overenthusiastic manipulation of patients onto their private lists.

Poetry of a life cut short

Tony Dawe on the publication of the last poems of Dominic Sasse, who died in the 1992 Nepal air crash

Dominic Sasse, poet, adventurer, entrepreneur, died in an air crash two years ago; his remains were never identified and were buried together with those of 97 others in a communal grave. Yet his voice lives on with the publication this week of a volume of poems discovered after his death.

Whether exploring the mysteries of love or "the enchanted deep before night's ink shall fade", they will strike at our emotions and give critics another chance to judge whether he can be compared to a young Tennyson, as Peter Levi believes.

To his friends, they will serve as a celebration of a life cut short at 37, and to Mary Sasse, his widow, they will provide strength to rebuild her life with their two children.

Even after the disaster, in which all 167 people, including 35 Britons, aboard a Pakistan International Airlines Airbus died when it hit a mountain in Nepal, she believed that her husband had lived on.

In Kathmandu, days after the crash, she told me: "Dominic was such a strong man that I have a vision of him climbing up some crevasse after being thrown from the aircraft."

The feeling stayed with her for months. Her husband had flown to Nepal with Darcy Lowdell, a friend and travel consultant who was going to advise on marketing a trekking lodge which Sasse had set up in the foothills of the Himalayas.

"Darcy's wife and I kept on telling each other that they had failed to catch the flight and had gone somewhere else before coming home," Mrs Sasse said.

Sasse, himself, seemed to have been expecting death. "In the weeks before his last flight," William Sieghart, his friend and publisher, said, "Dominic had a sense of unease about his journey, which seemed unnatural.

"In numerous conversations with Mary and myself he appeared obsessed with his mortality. And yet it seemed he had come to terms with it almost as a man facing a terminal illness".

> Dominic appeared obsessed with his own mortality

Sieghart feared that Sasse's latest poems had been lost, since the poet had taken the original manuscript with him to seek final inspiration.

Sasse had, however, been more methodical. "Months after his death, I was struggling to send a fax to the lodge's manager," Mrs Sasse recalled. "I started rummaging in the drawers of his desk looking for the fax manual when I found some poems and realised he had copied the latest ones."

The volume is entitled *The Ripening Kingdom* after a poem which shows that Sasse was not afraid of the death he was expecting:

"Let us walk into the ripening kingdom/ until our two rivers merge/ beneath the ragged prayer flags,/ until our voices are left behind/ as there is no more need for questions."

For Mary Sasse, there has been nothing but questions: from the partners and manager of the trekking lodge; from the undertakers trying to identify her husband's body; from lawyers; and, of course, from her children — Joshua, seven, and Lydia, 12.

"The most painful thing," she says, "has been Josh asking, 'Why didn't you die, mummy? Why did it have to be daddy?' But it is understandable from a small boy who comes home from school never to find a father to play football or cricket with him.

"Sometimes he asks: 'When are you going to get married again, mummy, so I can have a dad?' But Lydia tells me, 'Don't rush into anything. We don't want a divorce as well as a death in the family'."

The children are slowly recovering. Joshua took the lead in his school's Christmas play last week and Lydia, to her mother's embarrassment, won the poetry cup that Mary Sasse had presented in Dominic's memory.

Bringing them up, trying to find an independent role for herself and running the lodge at a distance of 5,000 miles, has been made more difficult by the lack of compensation.

STEVE HILL/NEWS TEAM



Mary Sasse in Ludlow with Joshua and Lydia, rebuilding their lives after the death of a husband and father

PIA has stuck to the terms of the Warsaw Convention, which was signed 65 years ago and limits compensation to £13,633 for each passenger. Lawyers have begun proceedings in the French courts for damages against the aircraft's French manufacturers, PIA and component makers.

"It should not have come to this," Nigel Taylor, the London solicitor acting for Mrs Sasse and other British relatives, says. "PIA should pay fair compensation."

Mrs Sasse admits to feeling "increasingly angry" about her predicament. She controls her feelings, however, and looks forward to a more settled future, inspired by her husband's poems and by the last lines of his own *Self Portrait:*

"I shall not lay claim to/ or slander those I do not know./ for the love I retain is sufficient/ to sustain my particular shadow."

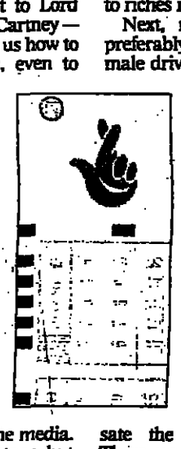
● The Ripening Kingdom. The last poems of Dominic Sasse (*Forward Publishing, £14.95*)

A lottery winner's guide to the press

THE BRITISH have an outstanding ability to turn a dream into a nightmare and no better example of this bizarre trait can be found than the Siege of Blackburn.

Here we have a man suddenly possessed of nearly £18 million in National Lottery winnings who has been convinced that, metaphorically speaking, he is better off hiding under the bed than dancing on the doorstep. For his sake, pray God that he soon changes his mind.

Alongside newspaper columns telling us that the burden is too much to bear — nobody ever says that to Lord Hanson or Paul McCartney — other columnists tell us how to remain anonymous, even to the extent of suggesting that bursts of spending can be explained away by a pay rise. This might be plausible if one were chairman of British Gas, but a factory worker in Lancashire? I don't think so. I do, however, think that secrecy is a greater burden than money, as Blackburn's Mr Anon is surely discovering. What he really needs is a lesson in handling the media.



So give them the story, but on your own terms. Tabloid editors I spoke to yesterday say that this story, though not a nine-day wonder, is not much more than that.

Let us say it took a month for the press to lose interest, save the occasional flurry thereafter. You can have a lot of fun in a month and fun can be photogenic (tabloids devour picture stories).

The first thing to do is rent a suite at the Dorchester (£350 to £1,250 per night) and move in with your family. Put a complete ban on incoming telephone calls. Hotels have their own security so you would have a protected base.

On Day One give a press conference at the hotel and announce that you will take full-page advertisements in the five biggest selling dailies (about £120,000 in all) in which you will publish the names and addresses of everyone who writes you a begging letter or who sends unsolicited financial advice or "investment opportunities".

You will already have hired a temporary secretary (about £400 a week) to open all your mail for a month, with instructions to throw it away, except for bills and family letters.

That will leave you free to give some "exclusive" interviews. So, on Day Two, give each of the five tabloids a 30-minute interview, with pictures, in your hotel suite.

Also leak some information that the papers will like. You have a lot of debt, you will give away half the money, you will buy a racing stable and/or an island in the Caribbean.

This does not have to be true, it simply feeds the tabloid requirement to make their (poor) readers think that rags to riches really is a possibility.

Next, rent a Rolls-Royce, preferably with a pretty female driver (£300 a day). Pictures outside the Dorchester (Day Three) and beside the car at Harrods (Day Four) will keep the pot boiling and by this time the reporters will be on your side.

There is life beyond the Dorchester, of course, and there will be news agency reporters talking to your neighbours. Let them. You can give a party to compensate the neighbours later. There may be a few skeletons in the cupboard, too, and these have a habit of opening the door and acquiring a voice. Ignore them. Deny it. Say it was two other blokes.

Throughout this process, flaunt the wealth and revel in the temporary fame. After a week, go abroad. At this point, start being coy: don't tell the press where you are going.

THEY WILL find out, but by then their editors will have become immune to the sight of your face (and don't forget the next lottery draw is due). Even when the press find out where you are, they won't all send a team. Remember that your budget is now bigger than that of any news editor.

Come back in a month, having thought out the rest of your life in relative tranquillity, and you will be surprised at how the interest has waned. Except, of course, for the interest paid by the bank on your £18 million, which will more than cover what you have spent since your numbers came up.

PETER BARNARD

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Cameron Mackintosh on the thrill of theatre production — and buying chunks of Scotland

'The secret of success in musicals? I'd put it down to air travel'


JOHN CHAPMAN

Mackintosh: he loves the technical aspects of stage production, such as the computerised staircase that arrives at precisely the right moment

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



You might not recognise Cameron Mackintosh in the throng at *Oliver!* — short, stocky, and so absurdly boyish but when he turned up to hear Stephen Sondheim deliver the first lecture at Oxford, in the chair he had endowed, he was mistaken for an undergraduate and issued with a blue folder.

To those who scoff at the popular appeal of musicals, Mackintosh's response is let them scoff. Living well is the best revenge: wouldn't the opera toffs like to buy a slice of Scotland? (Mackintosh just has.) His is the well-lived life, which at 48 he has achieved by a combination of charm and pushiness. When I referred to his humble beginnings he interrupted: "I don't think I was ever *humble*. I think I was more a bumptious little squirt. Even as a stage manager I made a nuisance of myself and insisted on having my name on the play bill." This was at the bijou Kenton Theatre in Henley in 1967 where they were doing *Jane Eyre*, with a sheet of red shiny paper and a hairdryer to stage the fire scene.

On Monday night he will host one of his parties. Not the kind of extravaganza he held at St Pancras for the first night of *Oliver!* but a gathering of all his London casts — he has six shows on in the West End alone, and all have broken longest-run records at their theatres — at the Drury Lane Theatre, to celebrate the fact that *Miss Saigon* overtakes *My Fair Lady* as the longest-running Drury Lane show.

Everyone will sing "Wouldn't It Be Luverly", Jonathan Pryce will transform himself from Fagin into Henry Higgins and do "I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face", and Mackintosh himself will do a little number with a mop and broom, recalling that his first job in the theatre was sweeping the dress circle at Drury Lane.

As a Scot he takes good care of his money — "and other people's." He went to the Boat Show, decided "I can afford a toy", and bought an Edwardian steam boat, moored at Henley and named *Salad Days* in homage to his mentor, Julian Slade. Everything he acquires assumes a certain poignance. For instance, his Maltese mother Diana always stressed the sacrifices they made to send their three sons to boarding school: instead of living in suburban Enfield they might have bought a beautiful stuccoed Nash villa in Regent's Park on a Crown lease for £2,500 in 1954. Mackintosh bided his time and when that very house was on the market again, bought it. So he lives there in *rus in urbe* splendour with his photographer friend (a 13-year partnership) and a Rhodesian Ridgeback named Hugo.

When we met this week he had just flown back from Aberdeen — a city he found "just like a stage set" — where *Cats* had opened. He sat on the floor, drank quantities of sparkling water and talked for three hours with an almost adolescent enthusiasm about everything a life in musicals has brought him. He adores his parents. Had I heard of Humphrey Lyttelton? I was astonished to be asked. Well, his father once played with Humph and his Troglodytes, and with Al Fairweather's All-Stars in the trad jazz boom in the Fifties. His father's trumpet was given to him by Satchmo. He also played with Humph's Old Codgers at the Edinburgh Festival this year. His parents met through ENSA during the war. His mother lived through the terrible two-year siege of Malta when neighbours were eating their cats and boiling rats.

He loved his childhood in a rambling Victorian house where, with a grandmother and three aunts, there was always a doting female to scratch his back. At eight he was sent off to Prior Park, the Catholic school near Bath, and he loved that too.

"I don't think I would send my children away at eight, if I ever had any," he said. "But I would hate to have missed it. It made me self-reliant. And the school was such a beautiful building, like Stowe. It helped evolve my taste. I learnt to appreciate the Palladian architecture — it was built by Wood for Ralph Allen on the proceeds of the first penny post — and realised that a building is not just a place to lay your head."

He would escape, inventing a series of dying aunts, to the theatre in Bath or Bristol Old Vic: Van Johnson in *The Music Man*, Chita Rivera in *West Side Story*, Harry H. Corbett playing Macbeth, whose attempt at the iambic pentameter (he imitates Corbett's delivery) "made me realise what an iambic pentameter was".

Julian Slade had told him he must go to university for his salad days but he failed to get the necessary two Bs to read drama at Manchester and signed on for a stage management course at drama school. But at 18, lying on a beach in Minorca where his parents had a house, he decided he should get himself any job in the theatre. Hence the sweeping up at Drury Lane. *Camelot* was on at the time.

Some years ago he inherited a log cottage at Mallaig on the west coast of Scotland from his aunt, who might have been another Moura Lympany had she carried on as a concert pianist instead of marrying his uncle Jim. The cottage and its 300 acres (bought from Lord Lovat for ten shillings an acre in the 1950s) with a view of Loch Nevis to the Isle of Skye, became Mackintosh's gas-lit retreat. But when he heard about the financial straits of the Lovat estates after the deaths of the two Fraser brothers this year, he bought from Lord Lovat "the 12 penny lands of Morar". "So I now own the view as well," he says. "The Frasers are happy, I'm happy, the locals are happy. Isn't it lucky that I was there, one of the few people who can buy an estate like that? I think it was meant." He said that about buying his mother's dream house too: "It was meant."

'I do shows because I think they've got something original there'

The key to his contentment is that at the age of eight he knew he wanted to be a producer: it was shows, not personal stardom, he craved. On his 17th birthday his parents took him to the last night of *My Fair Lady* after which the whole audience joined in the party. He was never seduced by the cutting edge of pop music: even in his teens the Beatles and *Hair* were as far out as he went: he really preferred *Bless The Bride*. It is production — structures, sets, stagings — he reveres. His fondest memories are of touring with *Oliver!* and the revolutionary Sean Kenny set design that made the stage a dramatic statement in itself. "I now own that set," he says. "It's in my store, somewhere in outer London. I keep all sets I think will last."

He enjoys the computerised mechanisms that make a chandelier swing into place at the touch of a button, or a set of stairs materialise just as an actor puts his foot on the first tread. "That is a moment of beauty and precision."

His name is now so familiar that one forgets that not until 1981 and *Side by Side by Sondheim* at the Mermaid did he show real flair. Before that there were endless tours: flops like *At Home With The Dales* and runners like *Godspell*. When first invited to see *Side by Side* he managed to miss one performance by taking the wrong motorway, and another because he had an Apex flight booked for his first visit to New York: it was one of his backers, the late George Borwick of Borwick's Baking Powder, who recommended him to take it.

"I really like quirky shows best," he says, "but in America they don't like quirky." The Americans do rather resent that their own native theatrical form has been so commandeered by him and Lloyd Webber: "They wonder why they aren't creating it as well as us." But even he cannot predict whether a show will run ("I don't do shows because I think they will be a success. I do them because I think they've got something original there") and his visceral fondness for a show's originality is far from dependable.

I first met him at the first-night party for *Moby Dick* — where 1,000 people were drinking his champagne, muttering "poor Cameron" and predicting disaster, while he sat in a backroom, talking lyrically of a recent trip to see whales in the Antarctic, "where man is a total outsider, and there is nothing but a white vastness and space" and where he had managed to produce his most far-flung success, a cabaret called *Icecapades* with the ship's crew dressed as penguins.

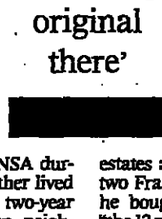
Why did he endow a chair at Oxford? Because the astute Sir Patrick Neill, then Oxford's Vice Chancellor, invited him to lunch at the Garrick, which could only mean one thing: money. Before bestowing his millions and immortalising his name, Mackintosh stipulated that his must be a chair for the *living* theatre, and it must be taught by people at the top of the profession. Hence Sondheim, McKellen, Ayckbourn, Shaffer, and next year Arthur Miller.

How piquant, I reflect, that Oxford's new Professor of Poetry James Fenton should have written lines that were deemed "too exquisitely poetic" for *Les Misérables* and it was Mackintosh's disagreeable duty to tell him so. (They remained friends, and met up again in the Philippines when Mackintosh was casting *Miss Saigon*.)

Nobody can define the mysterious alchemy of a musical's success — nothing to do with stars, good songs or even middle-brow tastes — but if asked to explain why they cram theatres for years on end, seemingly recession-proof and often cocking a snook at critics, he puts it down in large part to modern air travel. Tourists flock to shows which have no language barrier and embrace a kind of synthetic global culture. "And the British who once regarded Broadway as a legend from another planet can now pop over and see things for themselves." Today a production can be translated across the Atlantic or to the Antipodes in three weeks. Mackintosh says cheerfully. Wasn't there a musical called *Most Happy Fella*?

For Sim City read Blyton

If the Famous Five did us no great harm, why should computer games damage our children?



LIBBY PURVES

THE Mayor comes down to my study most evenings, to talk over civic problems. The other night he was on the verge of walking out. "I fixed the water supply, they've got three power stations, *including nuclear fusion*, and a monorail. I built them a stadium, and cut the city taxes," he grumbled. "And do you know what they're doing? They're rioting!".

I rushed upstairs with him and, sure enough, no sooner did he click the mouse to restart history than his beautiful city of skyscrapers and boulevards was seen to be in flames. Nasty little ant-like people were torching the central commercial zone, and red flames licked through the seaport. The Mayor, being a provident lad, had several well-placed fire stations, and mobilised these with a few irritable clicks. Then an ominous quiet reigned while he scanned the balance-sheet, top right. "I'll have to put taxes up to rebuild this lot" he said resignedly. "Have to attract more light industry. Perhaps if I build a zoo it will cheer them up."

I left him to it. It has been like this ever since the twelfth birthday, when we invested in the latest, most sophisticated version of the computer game Sim City, in which the player manages a metropolis over a century. The last I heard, his city was approaching the millennium in a damn sight better shape than London. He and his friends have had a few breakfast queries about reactor decommissioning costs and how far from your industrial zone to build houses; but I think he has it licked.

We have come a long way since the summit of the boy's ambition was to get to Level 7 on SuperMario and bomb badly drawn flying turtles. The games seem to have grown up with him. Like some peasant crone with a bundle of faggots on her back watching her child learn to read and write, I am content to look on and marvel. And, of course, to make sure he gets his rest and eats his chicken soup.

Which is why I greet the warnings of Professor Stephen Heppell at Anglia Polytechnic University with no more than a nod. "Computer addiction" in children is overhyped: we are instinctively repelled by the sight of a little face lit up by the glimmer of a VDU, and it is all too easy to persuade a neurotic mother that Sonic the Hedgehog is stealing her baby's soul. We hear of friendless, alienated children hooked on the screen and desensitised to violence by the worst kind of game. We panic and turn Luddite.

I suppose it needs saying that children should not shut themselves up alone for 40 hours a week in their bedrooms with computers; but frankly, parents who let that happen are not concentrating anyway. If your child spends that long doing *anything* alone, you wade in. My generation was torn from the *Beano* and Enid Blyton and made to get fresh air, be nice to Granny or visit cousins. It is not so different.

Talk to therapists who treat children for "computer addiction" and they will tell you that the phrase is misleading. Those children are suffering from parental neglect: perhaps a disrupted unhappy family where the only certainties are on the screen, perhaps just a case of wet parents afraid to say boo to a goose.

The good suggestion Professor Heppell makes is one which we, by chance, hit on several years ago. We kept the first games console in the kitchen, where there is a small television. This meant that the floating population of the house would walk past going "Attaboy! zap him! Look out, a turtle — cor, never knew there was a Warp Zone there!".

The only really violent game that got into the house seemed so incongruous against the kitchen background that the children, voluntarily, junked it. If we ever thought they were getting hypnotised by a game, we switched the sound off; its power halved. The only ban was, and is, on portables like the "Game Boy", on the grounds that if you are travelling away from your own home you ought to be looking out of the window.

No family is perfectly managed. But on this modest compromise we still seem to have children who read, play with the dog, and strum and toot on musical instruments. That they have this newer, to us strange and marvellous, dimension to their thinking is something not unwelcome. Few pastimes are all good or all bad; yet I see no scare stories about cricket addiction or Airfix dependency syndrome. Stay cool.



Philip Howard



How Jumbo the elephant gave us the word for huge

An old rogue elephant charged trumpeting out of the thorn-scrub onto the front pages this week, frenzied with the must of millennia of misunderstanding. The potting of a tame Kenyan tusker by a head-collector on safari outraged conservationists. But if the myth-hunter keeps his nerve and waits to see the whites of his quarry's lies before squeezing the trigger, he can shoot some archetypes.

The minor genre of big white hunter as hero, with stiff upper lip and loose lower jaw on the spoor of man-eaters, flourished in the high noon of empire. It ran from thrilling *Boy's Own* adventures to Teddy Roosevelt (the eponym of teddy bears, because he liked shooting real ones) and Ernest Hemingway, whose stock hero stalks death as a way of proving himself. So white hunters became pet targets for Wodehouse:

> When cares attack and life seems black,
> How sweet it is to pot a yak.

But the mythotype of elephants as dangerous brutes rather than gentle herbivores is much older than Victorians in the jungle, going back to their use as primitive tanks in ancient warfare. The most famous though not the first elephant general was Hannibal, who led his regiment of emaciated African elephants (and at least one Indian) over the Alps. But the unoffending strength with which nature has endowed the great quadrupeds was never much good for fighting. During the first Punic War, the Romans arranged to have the elephants they captured from the Carthaginians herded through the circus by a few slaves armed only with blunt javelins. This useful spectacle persuaded the Roman soldiery that elephants were big but generally harmless, and the Carthaginians went about their streets calling for their lost elephants by their pet names.

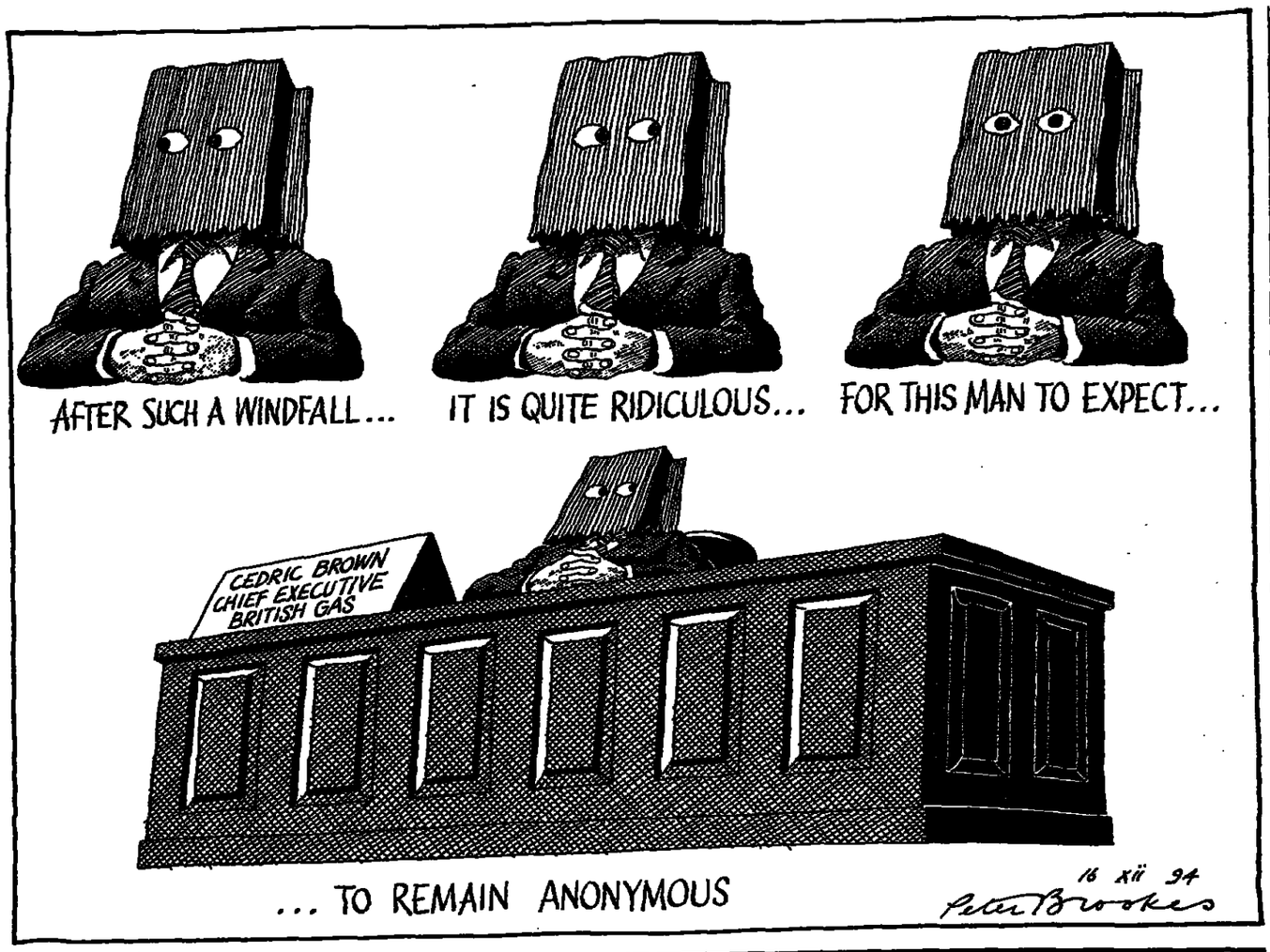
Track the elephant back through time and etymology to Noah's Ark, and you find its name is old and charming, for instance in its ancient form of olifaunt. The original word comes from Greek prehistory, and its combination of Semitic and Hamitic elements persuades some philologists that both Indian and African elephants were already known in that dawn of language.

The Disneyfication of the elephant by humans goes back to *Dumbo* and the enduring childhood song "Nellie the elephant packed her trunk and said goodbye to the circus", with its sentimentality: "The head of the herd was calling, far, far away. They met one night in the silver light on the road to Mandalay." The ban on ivory hunting and conservationist concern have made the elephant an unsporting quarry. Modern science has demolished the folktale that elephants never forget (an injury). Despite their bulk, their brains are smaller than those of lesser mammals. But elephants do seem to have an uncanny memory for their dead elders.

The word that they have given today's world is jumbo, which stretches from aircraft to jumboburgers, and has spread through most languages, from German to Japanese. An outsize Italian tyre is advertised as *il gigantesco Jumbo*. *Jumbo* or *Jambo* is Swahili for chief. Mumbo-jumbo has been English for two centuries as the name of a West African divinity or bogy.

In 1869, hunters captured the largest elephant ever recorded in West Africa, weighing in at 6½ tons, and named it Jumbo. It gave pickajumb rides to thousands of children at the London Zoo, and there was popular uproar in 1881 when it was bought by P.T. Barnum for his Greatest Show on Earth. Within six weeks, Barnum had made $336,000 from his investment of $30,000, and turned jumbo into a synonym for big. A neighbour of Barnum's asked why he kept an elephant as a working animal on his farm: "I would just like to know what it can draw." The old Saatchi replied: "It can draw the attention of 20 million American citizens to Barnum's Museum."

With the inexorable inflation of language, jumbo may outlive its size. Once upon a time eggs were graded small, medium and large. But small and medium are bad words for the advertising trade. In the sharpest shops, hens now lay only large, extra-large and jumbo eggs. As the cow elephant said to her friend: "Don't breathe a word to a soul, dear, but I'm 18 months pregnant."



Shrugging off genocide

Richard Gott still fails to grasp the enormity of what he did, says **William Shawcross**

Richard Gott committed terrible treachery. That is shocking enough. Even more shocking is the way that it is being denied. I am astonished by the levity and frivolity with which his covert work for the KGB is being shrugged off — by himself, by his Editor and colleagues, and even by some Tory luminaries. Ian Gilmour and Alan Clark actually signed a letter of support, along with Tony Benn, Ben Pimlott and others, saying that his resignation should "not be regarded as an admission of guilt but rather a quixotic display of loyalty" to his paper.

What kind of topsy turvy logic is this? What loyalty has Gott shown to anything or anyone, except to that entity which Peter Preston chooses to call his own "free spirit"?

"I was a mellow traveller" ran the headline over Gott's lighthearted resignation letter, explaining how he took "red gold" in this "essentially harmless saga". In his reply, Mr Preston accepted his resignation "with the heaviest of hearts". He described Gott as a "a brilliant journalist" and as a man who "would not take packets of used fivers" — though Gott did exactly that. He too made a joke of it all: "If the Russians thought of recruiting you . . . no wonder they lost the Cold War."

For Preston the bottom line was apparently not what Gott did, but the fact that *The Spectator* exposed him. This was apparently not a legitimate revelation, but "tactical slime from the archives" — all to do with *The Guardian*'s exposure of Jonathan Aitken.

In the face of such frivolity, backslapping and diversions, a fundamental point should be reiterated. Gott's taking what he calls "red gold" was not a joke, but treachery — against his profession, his colleagues, his readers, and, above all, those millions of defenceless people around the world whose interests he purported to defend. Gott took money from a regime which has murdered more millions of people than any other in history. Whatever his particular sense of humour, that is hardly a joke.

Look for a moment at Gott's apology for an apologia. It is studded with snide put-downs of the West. His KGB contacts in the 1960s, for instance, were "a lot more interesting" than people he had to talk to at Chatham House. He says he knew meeting with Russian diplomats was "frowned-on . . . by the British establishment". That of course is rubbish. There was nothing wrong in meeting Russian diplomats. What was wrong in the eyes of the establishment and, one would have hoped, of *Guardian* journalists, was taking money from them. He says he can't "remotely recall" where he was given his money. It is hardly the sort of thing one forgets. He says he was paid only the expenses of going to meet his contact, and that if he had accepted more it would have changed the nature of the "story". Nonsense: it is not the amount he took that matters, it is the fact that he took anything.

> Peter Preston too has tried to make a joke out of treachery

Gott describes himself as a "sort of dissident". What fabulous arrogance. Dissidents are people like Vaclav Havel, who was sent to jail, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who was sent to Siberia, and scores of thousands of others who were sent to their deaths. Where did Gott go? To collect his retainers from the men who dispatched the dissidents. Gott did not suffer for his views — he profited from them.

Gott says the KGB "wanted to recruit me". It succeeded. With how much money is not clear, but the money, together with the "fun" of "the cloak and dagger bit" was enough. He was an agent on the KGB payroll. He says "the principal crime I committed is not to have informed Peter Preston". No, his principal crime was to have sold information to one of the nastiest secret police forces in the world, even while, he says, he was "invariably on the side of the Chinese", who have run an equally vicious police state, in the Sino-Soviet dispute.

Gott declares that today "conservative forces in the West are anxious to discredit the entire Left of the last fifty years", and so his unmasking is no surprise. This is again an absurd attempt at self justification. The communist Left has discredited itself over and over again, above all in the eyes of the peoples it subjugated. In this country, so-called "loonie lefties" have to a certain extent been discredited, but the mainstream Left, in the form of Tony Blair's Labour Party, has never been so buoyant. If anything, it is the Right that is lurching into discredit in Britain.

Gott declares that people who supported "the Cubans or the Nicaraguans, the ANC or the Angolans" are now regarded as "either fantastically mistaken or evil". In the case of the ANC, in particular, this is totally untrue. Those who remained loyal to Mandela are rightly heralded, *pace* Gott. But it is extraordinary for him to lump Mandela with the barren cruelty of Castro.

In an interview, Gott describes his horrifying defence of Pol Pot and other such articles as "jeux d'esprit, pieces written against the tide". Yet while the Khmer Rouge was in power, murdering or causing the deaths of over a million people between 1975 and 1978, Mr Gott was swimming against no tide: he was in the mainstream of the Left, many of whom either ignored the horror stories which refugees brought out of Cambodia or denounced them as CIA-inspired attempts to vindicate America's "bloodbath" theory — the warning that some American officials used to give of inevitable horrors if their side should lose the wars in Indochina.

The victims of Pol Pot's tyranny, or the Vietnamese victims of the brutal Hanoi regime which triumphed over the Americans in 1975, had little reason to thank Gott's "jeux d'esprit". Indeed those of us who opposed the American war in Indochina should be extremely humble in the face of the appalling aftermath: a form of genocide in Cambodia and horrific tyranny in both Vietnam and Laos. Looking back on my own coverage for *The Sunday Times* of the South Vietnamese war effort of 1970-75, I think I concentrated too easily on the corruption and incompetence of the South Vietnamese and their American allies, was too ignorant of the inhuman Hanoi regime, and far too willing to believe that a victory by the communists would provide a better future.

But after the communist victory came the refugees to Thailand and the floods of boat people desperately seeking to escape the Cambodian killing fields and the Vietnamese gulags. Their eloquent testimony should have put paid to all illusions. But not Gott's.

Without humility, Gott's resignation letter announces that "the Cold War was a very bizarre period and perhaps none of us always acted in the way we should have done". He certainly did not. Nor is he doing so now. But others did. I.F. Stone, one of the greatest radical journalists, told the Russians where to go when they tried to give him money. But then he really was a free spirit. Moreover, the Cold War was not "bizarre": it was immensely important. It was a war that had to be fought if the monster of communist totalitarianism was to be defeated.

I am not an advocate of Manicheanism. I do not suggest that all is rosy in the Western capitalist garden. It never has been, and the tensions, inequities and brutalities are perhaps clearer today than ever now that the United States is the only superpower — and a very uncertain one. But at least now there is an opportunity to deal with such crises as poverty, starvation and abuse of human rights on their own terms, outside the context of an overriding ideological battle.

There was always a vital difference, whatever Mr Gott and his defenders may claim. For all the faults of the United States and its allies, there was never a moral equivalence between them and the Kremlin or Peking. If you cannot understand that, and if you do not recognise that the values of Western liberal democracies are better for human beings than those of societies based on committing millions of people to gulags, then you cannot represent the ideals of a great liberal newspaper.

No doubt Mr Gott is, as his friends say, charming and eccentric. Charming people and eccentric views are important to any newspaper. But that is no excuse. It is no good for Mr Preston to write to Mr Gott that "the devil is in the detail of principle". The devil is in Mr Gott's intellectual and moral obtuseness, and inhis inability to understand that what he did was betrayal. And the devil is in those who paper over his crime with frivolity. *Guardian* readers deserve better.

Who will tell France the truth?

Charles Bremner on the taboo about welfare cuts

Much of the spice has left the French presidential race this week with the self-exclusion of Jacques Delors and then the bankruptcy court's removal of Bernard Tapie, the populist tycoon. Though M Tapie stood no chance of winning, his seductive sway over the left would have added savour to a campaign which has has been reduced to a conservative family feud featuring the usual cast of old boys from the Ecole Nationale de l'Administration, the nursery of the ruling caste.

With the key to the Elysée Palace beyond the grasp of the Socialists, whose patriarch has held it for nearly 14 years, the contenders might be expected to slug it out with weapons from the conservative armoury: plans for tax cuts, freer markets and above all a curb on the welfare state, which they acknowledge is the root of economic ill. But not a bit of it. Except for the European front, where scepticism is infusing the Gaullists Edouard Balladur and Jacques Chirac, the leading contenders are offering ideas that would have warmed the hearts of the old British Labour Party.

The reason is simple: *la crise*. France is enjoying a healthy recovery with a strong currency and tiny inflation, but people believe the nation is sick at heart. With unemployment stuck at 12.6 per cent and crippling rates of long-term and youth joblessness, the popular demand is for social justice. This does not boil down to a desire for socialism of the old Marxist or Mitterrand model, so much as a yearning for more of the state management practised by the country's dirigiste rulers from Louis XIV to General de Gaulle, and championed by M Delors.

Liberalism, the deregulating credo espoused by the Gaullists when they governed in the mid 1980s, is a dirty word. Free trade, never a popular notion, has become the bogey of "mondialisation", an Anglo-Saxon plot which threatens to destroy French civilisation by stealing its jobs and its language. Egged on by left-wing socialists and far-right nationalists such as Philippe de Villiers, 66 per cent of the public are telling pollsters they want to abandon the Gatt world trade accord.

Messrs Chirac and Balladur, the Gaullist *frères-ennemis* are scrambling to corner the market in the caring language of old, promising to "combat social exclusion" and ensure "national solidarity". It is time, says M Balladur, to break with the "ultra-liberal simplism of the 1980s". The role of the state must be strengthened, he says, giving the answer that is instinctive to any member of the technocratic élite. As Prime Minister for the past 20 months, M Balladur has continued to privatise state firms and open France to competition, but he has put the brakes on, adopting a "soft dirigisme" to preserve the state hold on airlines, telecommunications and other sectors.

M Chirac has cast off the Thatcherite mantle he donned as Prime Minister in the mid 1980s. This week he was railing against "le régime de l'argent fou". Gaullism, he now remembers, is all about protecting society. Philippe Séguin, the Gaullist iconoclast admired in Britain for his rejection of Maastricht, is even more interventionist than his leader. In a new book, he insists that true Gaullism is a left-wing force. Things are little different in the UDF grouping, the centre-right partners of the Gaullists.

Given their desire to get elected, it is not surprising that conservative politicians prefer to play down the reality behind the unemployment, and certainly do not propose the remedies that even the most fervent Swedish social engineer would these days see as inevitable. Jobs are being lost because of rigid laws protecting workers and the high taxes needed to feed one of the world's most generous and voracious welfare systems. All the contenders cite the huge social charges as an evil which deters employment. Their remedies, however, are simply to shift the tax burden and tinker with the system. Alain Minc, a middle-of-the-road intellectual who has become M Balladur's policy guru, says France is suffering from Swedish welfare charges and Soviet bureaucracy. His solution, however, is to pile more taxes onto the middle classes.

There is a strong taboo against suggesting that benefits should be cut and jobs made less secure, or that the employment-stifling minimum wage could be abandoned. Riots ensued this year when M Balladur hinted at a tiny drop in the minimum wage for unqualified youths. Rare are the voices of dissent. Most prominent is that of Alain Madelin, the centrist minister for businesses, who says the only way to cut unemployment is to drop taxes and take a knife to the welfare system. He earns some admiration for guts, but his colleagues slide away when he gets into his stride.

Surely these super-trained conservative administrators must see the fallacy of promising full employment and lavish welfare while hoping to stay competitive in the world. Put the point to M Balladur, M Chirac or one of their rivals and the answer is always the same and largely emotional. France, they say, has always relied on the State more than most Western nations and "l'exception française", the phrase beloved of the late General, has served the country well. The difference, however, is that France lived behind protective high walls in those days — and they are crumbling fast.

No wise men

AS CHRISTMAS looms, John Major looks increasingly isolated. For I learn that the former Treasury minister Francis Maude told No 10 this week that he does not want Sarah Hogg's £100,000-a-year job as head of the Downing Street policy unit. His hopes of returning to the Commons at the next election, plus reservations about the job and the salary, were the key reasons. Nick True, the young speech-writer who was largely responsible for penning Major's recent conference orations, is also leaving.

The exodus from No 10 is matched by defections from Central Office. Director of communications Tim Collins will soon be on his way. The shortlist for his successor is now down to two. I am told — neither of them household names. Simon Brooke, the chief broadcasting officer, is also going. Edward Heathcoat-Amory clears his desk as head of the economic unit next week, while Andrew Lansley, head of Central Office's research department, is said to be "looking around" for another job.

Although the appointment of Howell James, who replaces Jonathan Hill as Major's political adviser, helps to soften the blows, a senior Tory points out that "real heavyweights" are not trooping through Downing Street or Smith Square doors eager to work for the present regime.

Snow good

A WHITE CHRISTMAS is for dreamers. Despite the sudden drop in temperature, Thirsk weather sage Bill Foggitt, who studies 150 years of family records and the vagaries of plant and wildlife, is convinced no snow will fall over the festive season. But he's more cautious about his predictions this year. Sadly, his cat Blackie, famous for forecasting the approach of the 1987 hurricane (unlike Michael Fish) by leaping maniacally up poles and into trees, has departed to that great airing cupboard in the sky. New moggie Bonnie may not be so reliable.

"She's always jumping on my head — she's a real actress," explains Foggitt. "Last week I put my head close to a chair she was on and she snatched out at me. I didn't feel anything but when I went out to walk my dog people were staring because blood was pouring from my face. She's a bit of a menace, but I still have great hopes for her in the future."



Vatman

KENNETH CLARKE may have lost out by not inviting his predecessor Norman Lamont to No 11 for Christmas drinks. For Lamont decided to let his hair down at a party given by Shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown for outgoing members of his Treasury team instead.

Taken along by Labour frontbencher Nick Brown, the former Chancellor, in his most ebullient mood, received the red-carpet treatment. Paying a special tribute to Lamont, whose last Budget announced VAT on fuel, the Shadow Chancellor exclaimed: "... and thanks to Norman — without whom our VAT campaign would not have been possible. I hope he publishes his autobiography before the next election!"

All friends

LORD WEIDENFELD was demob-happy yesterday at the Foyles lunch to celebrate publication of his autobiography *Remembering My Good Friends* at the Grosvenor House. "We're going to Mexico to stay with some friends and escape from this business of publicising the book," sighs the veteran publisher, mopping his brow.

Meanwhile, Lady Antonia Fraser, in the company of Lords Jenkins, Longford and Snowdon, Alan Clark and Sir Robin Day, confessed over the turkey that Weidenfeld had long been her confidant in affairs of the heart. "I once told him about a man I rather fancied. He said: 'But he's absolutely dreadful, that man. He's so dreadful I wouldn't even invite him to one of my parties'."

● *Ted Danson, star of the TV series* Cheers, *was so taken with a traditional 14ft larch and redwood Highland boat, built for his film* Loch Ness, *that he's forked out £2,500 for a replica to be built by Inverness craftsmen and flown out to the United States.*

Shower show

THE NATIONAL THEATRE is currently home to a rather exuberant Toad. Patrick Barlow, taking the amphibian lead in Alan Bennett's *The Wind in the Willows*, is prone to showering the front stalls with water in the scene where he dresses up as a washerwoman to escape from prison.

Barlow, painted livid green for each performance, admits: "I did get a bit carried away with the water scene, and one lady got very irate about her handbag being ruined. But over-enthusiasm is very much in keeping with Toad's character." Poop-poop.

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Big squirt: Mr Toad

Arkansan friend of Mr Clinton and the campaign's ad-

Street Journal revealed the truth yesterday.

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A WING AND A PRAYER

British Aerospace needs better arguments for the FLA

The last thing John Major needs now is another Westland. In 1986, when Michael Heseltine stormed out of Margaret Thatcher's Cabinet over European defence co-operation, she was nearly forced to resign. This Prime Minister is in a far weaker position now than his predecessor was then. But the arguments against Mr Heseltine are as strong as ever.

The row this time is not about helicopters but transport planes. The Royal Air Force urgently needs to update its fleet of Hercules aircraft. On offer are not two rival aircraft, but one plane that is almost ready and one wood-and-canvas model. The new American-built Hercules C130J will be flying next year, and can be delivered in 1996, at a fixed price. Though better than the old Hercules, it resembles the old model enough for money to be saved on retraining engineers, pilots and crew. The Future Large Aircraft (FLA), to be built by a European consortium which includes British Aerospace, does not yet exist. Its engines have not even been chosen. It will not be available for at least another nine years. On current estimates, each new Hercules will cost about £25 million, while each FLA will cost between £40 and £45 million. And that takes no account of the almost inevitable cost overruns.

For all these reasons, the RAF much prefers the Hercules to the FLA. One might have thought that the argument would stop there. Yet, at a Cabinet committee last week, after the Defence Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, put the strongest possible case for ordering the Hercules, he was asked to go back and think again. Mr Heseltine's object, presumably, is to buy time for British Aerospace's lobbying to grind down the Prime Minister's resolve.

BAe argues that, if the Government does not commit itself now to buying the FLA, the company will lose its place in the consortium. This does not ring true: BAe designed the wings for Concorde and the Airbus; it is the best wing designer in Europe. The consortium would be unlikely to sack such an expert partner. Nor will Britain be the only potential customer; if the FLA is good, other countries will consider it. And the RAF itself has not written off the FLA. It plans to replace only half of its 60-strong Hercules fleet now. That leaves open the possibility of buying some FLAs in 2003 once they have been designed and tested.

BAe should accept that it simply cannot compete with the Hercules for the replacement of the first half of the fleet. It has suggested that the old aircraft could be kept in service until the FLA is ready: this is not realistic. Nor should the Government commit itself now to buying the FLA for the remainder of the fleet whatever the cost and whatever the performance. Such a promise would breed the complacency that is so dangerous in defence projects of this size.

That leaves just the job-creation argument. Even this is not clear. Some of the Hercules parts will be made in Britain, and the MoD can presumably bargain hard with Lockheed, the American manufacturer, to increase the percentage. Some of the money saved could be spent on employment measures; that would create many more jobs than simply giving the contract to BAe.

The European consortium has to learn that, if it can produce an aircraft that is as good and as cheap as those of the Americans, then it will have ready customers. If not, then the protection guaranteed by cosseting from European Governments will only ensure that Europe falls further behind.

THE VOICE OF THE SWAMP

The Gott affair is simpler than the Left allows

Yesterday Peter Preston, the Editor of *The Guardian*, accused *The Times* of "rather contemptible" journalism. He objected to our publishing an interview with the Soviet defector Oleg Gordievsky which challenged the version given by former *Guardian* executive Richard Gott of his life as a Soviet agent of influence. He also objected to our claiming the "high ground" in this matter and challenged us to explain the difference between that ground and a swamp.

We accept Mr Preston's challenge. The central part of Mr Gordievsky's claim to *The Times* was that Mr Gott gave information to the Soviet Union about the political beliefs and character of Martin Walker, one of *The Guardian*'s most highly respected writers. Mr Walker gives his own version of events on this page today: we made absolutely clear yesterday, and repeat it, that there is no evidence or suggestion that Mr Walker formed any links with the KGB. We also printed Mr Gott's denial of this charge.

The Editor of *The Guardian* objects, however, to the very act of publishing Mr Gordievsky's allegations. This is an odd reaction. Mr Gordievsky's disclosures formed a key part of the discovery of Mr Gott's contacts with the KGB, his admission that he took "red gold" and his subsequent resignation. On that basis alone, it was essential to take seriously his new claims about Mr Gott's alleged reports on Mr Walker. There is little reason to assume that Mr Gott has told the whole untruths of his treachery. To dismiss Mr Gordievsky as a professional liar — as Mr Preston did yesterday — was no adequate response.

But that is not the end of the matter. The Gott affair is about much more than newspaper ethics. It is also about our collective memory of the Cold War and the importance of that long struggle. It is about the risks of intellectual frivolity and moral equivocation in the face of deep political evil. The reaction of many on the Left to Mr Gott's contemptible dealings with the KGB has been to brush them aside as the peccadillo of a well-meaning man. Mr Preston himself regards his former colleague's secret activities as "barely a quarter of a row of beans". If the Russians thought of recruiting Mr Gott, he wrote last week, "no wonder they lost the Cold War". This is the arch, knowing tone of a man conscious of a moral imperative but bored by the prospect of acting upon it.

It is wrong to be detached and droll about such matters. The decisions of intellectuals and writers matter profoundly in any society. *La trahison des clercs* can be the most harmful form of treason. "Agents of influence" such as Mr Gott were as much a part of the Soviet Union's strategy to subvert the West as spies who betrayed military secrets or "sleepers" who penetrated Establishment institutions. The war of ideas was never separate from the war of resources or the war of military technology. "Any assistance to the Russians at this time abused us all, " as one letter-writer to *The Guardian* put it this week. This is a truth which the British Left has yet to accept.

Secondly, the Gott affair has resurrected the pernicious doctrine of moral equivalence between the West and the Soviet Union during the Cold War. It has been suggested that Mr Gott's links with the KGB were no different to reporters' contacts with Western intelligence. The two are not the same. Many British journalists benefited from CIA or MI6 largesse during the Cold War; none was supporting a totalitarian régime devoted to the overthrow of their own country — as Mr Gott was, when engaged in his "very enjoyable joke" with the KGB.

Indifference is the soil of treason and the enemy of national pride. For this reason, it has been depressing to witness the nonchalance with which so many have reacted to this extraordinary story. Amid the logic-chopping, excuses and allegations of right-wing "slime", the essence of this case is simple. As William Shawcross writes opposite: "Richard Gott committed terrible treason." To deny this is to leave the high ground and make for the low places where nothing good grows.

IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Insecure politicians should beware impugning national heroes

He lived three thousand years ago; his exploits are embellished with legend; his glories have been remembered down the years in Jewish history and European art. King David is a towering figure. To impugn his reputation in the capital he made his own is to provoke passions far deeper than those surrounding the niceties of the tottering peace agreement with the Palestinians. Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, must now bitterly regret his blithe remarks to the Knesset that "not everything that King David did on the ground, on the roofs, is acceptable to a Jew or is something I like." Three motions of no-confidence in the Labour Government have now been tabled for Monday.

Mr Peres touched on the notorious biblical incident concerning David's passion for a married woman and his cold-blooded dispatch of her husband to his death in battle. The account is explicit: how David spied on Bathsheba from the rooftop, how he sent Uriah the Hittite into battle with a sealed letter for Joab instructing him to put Uriah in the front line. The Old Testament is judgmental: it records that God was vexed and caused Bathsheba's first child to die.

Like so many episodes in the Bible, the story is archetypal; the passions, cunning and treachery are recognised by every reader. These paint a dark side to David. But, as moralists have pointed out down the centuries, this only throws into greater relief the qualities that underline his greatness: his humanity as shown in his love for Jonathan, his brilliance as a strategist, his achievement in uniting the tribes of Israel.

The very strength and diversity of religious feeling in Israel have given birth to Dozens of religous parties, some representing only a few thousand voters but all having as their single *raison d'être* a certainty in the application of Jewish law to today's politics. Any coalition must depend on one or more religiously-based groups.

The gap between the secular and the Orthodox in Israel is probably wider today than ever before. The argument goes to the heart of the debate on the nature of the State, the fount of law and the definition of a Jew. Mr Peres has a broad vision of where the peace process can lead; his interpretation of Jewish history is equally broad. To many, that is the most attractive quality of this humane politician. But to others, his insouciance with Jewish icons smacks of blasphemy. King David's memory has reawakened a fundamental and divisive debate in the nation he unified.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Parole considerations in the case of Myra Hindley

From Mr Ronald E. Buxton

Sir, David L. Astor and Lord Longford (letter, December 14) argue strongly for the release of Hindley and deplore the media's influence in her being held in prison. There is little comment about the victims or the feelings of their families.

I am pleased to see that some in the media do campaign to keep these people where they belong. There can be no possibility of parole for the victims. The perpetrators of such crimes, if we are not to have capital punishment, should be made to suffer for what they have done for the rest of their lives.

Your correspondents say that she has been recommended for parole. My wife was killed 18 months ago by someone who had been paroled a few weeks before, from a sentence imposed for a crime committed three days after being paroled for an earlier offence. He ruined several peoples' lives before destroying one life entirely and he never served anywhere near his full sentence: in one case he served less than half. Of course he was a model prisoner.

Whilst he is now back in prison, no-one has been made to account for why he was out on the streets, and no doubt in a few years time there will be some do-gooder saying that he is a changed person again and ought to be let out.

I hope the Home Secretary will ensure that people who perpetrate the worst kind of crimes die in prison.

Yours sincerely,
RONALD E. BUXTON,
Fern Cottage, 3 Derby Road,
Foston, Derbyshire.
December 14.

From Mrs Mary Perry

Sir, For David Astor and Lord Longford to compare Myra Hindley to the victims of the Holocaust, and the witch hunts of past ages, is turning logic on its head. Myra Hindley was the perpetrator of grotesque torture and murder, not its victim.

These crimes cannot be undone; their uniquely evil nature leads the public to believe that in this case life should mean life. It is not ministerial fear that encourages successive Home Secretaries to keep her in prison, but acknowledgement of the public's sense of justice.

Myra Hindley is desperate for the public to believe that she is a reformed character. She has had many years in which to concentrate on reinventing herself, unhindered by the daily grind of having to earn her living or provide for dependants.

Her educational achievements, conversion to Roman Catholicism and ability to impress many who meet her would suggest she has moved on from her former identity. However, the relatives of her victims cannot move on: they remain locked into permanent grief and suffering which is compounded every time the issue of her release is raised.

As a declared Christian, Myra could demonstrate her enlightened understanding of the difference between remorse (containing a large element of self-pity) and repentance by accepting her punishment with good grace, even if perceived as excessive or unjust. The deluded Astor and Longford would be better employed in helping her to see the reality of her situation and concentrating their energies and resources on the innocent bereaved.

Yours faithfully,
MARY PERRY,
226 Unthank Road,
Norwich, Norfolk.
December 14.

From Mr Stephen Greenhalgh

Sir, The point is whether Myra Hindley is being treated fairly with regard to other murderers; thirty years is a long time for anyone behind bars. She seems by all accounts to have been a model prisoner and has shown signs of remorse, as well as improving herself educationally.

The criminal justice system seeks to rehabilitate as well as to punish; this fact seems to have been overlooked in this particular case. It is time to grant Myra Hindley parole.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN GREENHALGH,
c/o Bury Arts and Crafts Centre,
Broad Street, Bury, Lancashire.
December 14.

From Mr Alfred Finer, JP

Sir, And prior to any decision on the future of Myra Hindley will she, in her remorse, give an undertaking that if released she will not profit from any written articles, or film and stage rights?

Yours faithfully,
ALFRED FINER,
23 Highview Gardens, Finchley, N3.
December 14.

From Mr John Campion

Sir, There are occasions when principle ought to overrule emotion: I believe the Hindley case is one such. We are a Christian country, and Christian principle allows of "new beginnings". After a sufficient time the Home Secretary, if he is satisfied that Myra Hindley is no longer a public danger, should release her.

I am not concerned with whether she has paid her debt to society (what can that possibly mean in this context?) or the quality of her remorse (not for me to judge): only that unless she is freed there doesn't seem to be very much advantage in having done away with the death penalty.

I can quite understand the bereaved parents who swear vengeance if she is ever released: in their position I think I might throw Christian principles to the winds and do the same. But since aggrieved parties, thank God, do not make law, none of this alters the spiritual absurdity of the living death of life imprisonment.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CAMPION,
Craigmyle House, Saint Felix School,
Southwold, Suffolk.
December 14.

'A ray of hope in an unjust society'

From the Reverend Kenneth Leech

Sir, It is 25 years ago tomorrow since I founded Centrepoint Soho (to which you kindly refer in your report of December 12, "More women and girls sleeping on the streets") as a night shelter for homeless young people.

At that time there was great concern not only at the increase in the numbers of young homeless people in the West End of London but at the spread of intravenous drugs among previously oral users and at the apparent blindness of the Government to the serious issues which faced us daily on the streets of Soho. But while governments did not give us much positive help, they did not bother us, and Centrepoint grew bigger and bigger.

Some of us, however, warned in 1969 that changes in government policy could make a serious situation worse and the task of the voluntary agencies harder. This was particularly true in relation to drug policy where our warnings were ignored and where we have, as a consequence, reaped the whirlwind.

None of us, however, anticipated either the massive increase in homelessness among all sections of the community, or the devastating effects of government policies which made the problem much worse. Nor did we foresee that Centrepoint would still be needed after 25 years of agitation.

I commend the work of Centrepoint to the active support of the nation. It is a ray of hope in an increasingly unjust and uncaring society. But I wish that it had not been and was not still necessary.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH LEECH,
St Botolph's Church, Aldgate, EC3.
December 15.

'Guardian' in Moscow

From Mr Martin Walker

Sir, You devote considerable space this morning, on your front page and in an inside page, to an allegation that the KGB was interested in finding out personal details about me and my political views before I opened the *Guardian*'s bureau in Moscow in 1984.

As I explained to you when you telephoned me in Washington yesterday, it would have been surprising had they not. The quotations from me that you published omit my most important point. Let me reiterate it now: no attempt was made, by the KGB or any other Soviet intelligence agency, to recruit me, either before, during or after my four years in Moscow.

If, as you imply, *The Guardian* was being done any special favours in Moscow, this is news to me. I languished for six months in London waiting for my Soviet visa to be approved. We finally were assigned grim living quarters, markedly less central and less agreeable than those of my colleagues on *The Times* and *Telegraph*, and no office at all. I was reduced to begging a desk from a chum on the *Daily Mail*.

I have no doubt that many of my contacts among Soviet officials were KGB, and like every other Moscow correspondent of every other Western newspaper, I worked hard to make and cultivate such contacts. That was my professional duty; the nature of the job.

The only time I know for sure I was in the KGB's grip was an occasion which *The Times* (February 14, 1987) and other papers around the world reported, when Peter Arnett of CNN and I were beaten bloody as we covered the dignified vigil of the family of the Jewish political prisoner Josef Begun on Moscow's Arbat.

In retrospect, perhaps the closest I came to the KGB was in 1992, when I chaired some of the meetings which drew up the draft legislation, for President Yeltsin's office, to reform the Russian intelligence service along democratic and accountable lines.

One of my colleagues on that team, put together by the scholarly journal *Demokratizatsiya* (published jointly by Moscow University and American University in Washington, and of which I am an editor), was a former director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

That doesn't make me a CIA stooge, any more than the chats of my friend Richard Gott with various Soviet officials make him a KGB agent.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN WALKER,
The Guardian,
119 Farringdon Road, EC1.
December 15.

British Gas cuts and executive pay

From Mr Philip Kolvin

Sir, Cedric Brown, the Chief Executive of British Gas, must have a pay increase of 75 per cent to make him more competitive. His staff, who created the wealth which he now enjoys, require a pay cut to make them more competitive (report, later editions, December 15).

The logic is absent and the sentiment stomach-turning. May this be one issue over which rich and poor can unite in protest.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP KOLVIN,
62 Whiteley Road, SE19.
December 15.

From Mr K. E. Wills

Sir, The proposal to introduce legislation to limit the salaries of senior executives (report and leading article, December 5) would, if implemented, create a dangerous precedent. Once the principle is accepted, where is the line to be drawn, and how long will it be before statutory control of all incomes?

A further, equally interesting question is: once the decisions of directors in one field — that of incomes — are subject to outside control, what other activities might also be regulated?

The proposal that executive incomes should be subject to the direct approval or veto of shareholders is also invidious. The directors of a company, whether it has grown up in the private sector or is a privatised utility, ought to be competent to determine the appropriate level for their senior executives. If the shareholders feel that they are not competent, or that they are profligate, they already have the available sanction of changing the directors.

However high one's eyebrows may rise on reading of certain remuneration packages — and the "widespread public anger" so beloved of some sections of the media is probably greatly exaggerated — it must surely remain a matter for the company concerned to decide.

What would be particularly depressing would be the creation of yet another regulatory quango.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
K. E. WILLS
(Managing Director),
Commercial Group Holdings,
2-16 High Street, Margate, Kent.

From Mr S. D. S. Baldwin

Sir, There is no point in Mr Major's condemning greedy directors of public companies and wringing his hands in impotence. There is something that he uniquely can do: ensure that any executive or board member of a high-profile organisation who has been recommended for an honour is struck off the putative list if he has accepted a pay rise substantially above the inflation rate.

To underline the point Mr Major, the first prime minister for many years to tame inflation, could publish a statement, without giving names, to the effect that, for instance, 80 people had been withheld from the Honours List because they had accepted inflationary rises.

Could this start a rapid trend back to basics?

Yours etc,
S. BALDWIN,
3 Glendale Rise, Kenley, Surrey.

Labour and schools

From the Shadow Secretary of State for Education

Sir, Your editorial, "Labour's old school" (December 9), is deeply misleading. Labour policy is clearly committed to "parental choice, diversity of provision and a desire to raise standards".

Your editorial's interpretation of my private memo repeating the clear statement I issued at the time of Tony Blair's decision to send his son Euan to the London Oratory school is perverse. Our offer of a dialogue with parents, governors and staff of schools with grant-maintained status has been widely welcomed by those involved. They know that the move to local management of schools has transformed the relationship between all schools and their local education authority. The removal of inequity in the provision of resources for schools with GM status would result in a very marginal difference between LEA and GM schools especially within a new framework to be established as part of the wider dialogue I have already offered.

I appeal for a sensible and rational debate which does not interpret every statement in a way which places those in the education service and those speaking out on its behalf as being in rigid and definable camps which have little relevance to the real objective of genuine opportunity for all.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID BLUNKETT
(MP for Sheffield Brightside),
House of Commons.
December 9.

Pinch's pate

From Mr Brian Kealy

Sir, As every advertising photographer knows, to make something look really convincing for the camera you have to fake it. Philip Franks, the actor portraying Tom Pinch in *Martin Chuzzlewit* (letters, December 10, 13), should have been made to wear a wig.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN KEALY,
Holmtree House, North Stainley,
Ripon, North Yorkshire.
December 14.

Wrong kind of kick

From Mr Alan Balloch

Sir, Whether Cole Porter would have been upset to have his song, "I Get a Kick Out of You" garbled as "I Get a Kick from Champagne" (containing, as it does, the line: "I get *no* kick from Champagne"), in Anne Robinson's Diary (Magazine, December 10), it is unlikely that he would have been placated by the misattribution to him of Gus Kahn and Walter Donaldson's "Makin' Whoopee", in your preview in Vision on the same day, of *The Fabulous Baker Boys*.

Oh well, "Anything Goes", as *The Times* might have had Ira Gershwin say.

Yours etc,
ALAN BALLOCH,
33 Collieston Circle,
Bridge of Don, Aberdeen.
December 13.

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Ambiguous sentence

From the Vice-President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford

Sir, In reply to Lord Dacre's query (letter, December 3) whether Sir Kenneth Dover consulted his college's governing body on what to do regarding Mr Trevor Aston, Sir Kenneth states (letter, December 9) that he consulted six senior Fellows.

I write as one of the few among those consulted who are still members of the governing body. Sir Kenneth reports the outcome of those consultations as "We all agreed that we wanted to see no more of him". The ambiguity of that sentence requires clarification.

It might naturally be understood as stating either that all agreed that it would be desirable that Mr Aston should resign his Fellowship, or that all agreed that action should be taken to deprive him of it. Understood in the first sense, the sentence is, I believe, true. Understood in the second, it is false. There was no consensus in favour of any such action.

Regrettably, Sir Kenneth's account in his memoirs of his own attitudes towards Mr Aston suggests, to me at least, that the crucial sentence might be interpreted in a third way, namely "we all agreed that we wanted him dead". It should go without saying, but, sadly, now needs to be said emphatically, that thus understood the sentence is false. So far from being agreed, that sentiment was neither expressed nor implied, however remotely, in any consultation to which I was party.

C. C. W. TAYLOR,
Vice-President,
Corpus Christi College, Oxford.
December 10.

Doubled and halved

From Mr John Skinner

Sir, We are moving tomorrow. Sorting and packing yesterday, I came across a back number of *The Times* dated July 14, 1980.

In a mere 24 pages it covers news, sport, business, the arts etc — exactly similar material as covered in my paper today. Yet its design and layout appears by comparison antique — as well as monochrome — and today's edition has twice the number of pages. A time gap of 14 years, yet the price of both papers is 20p.

Thank you for halving your asking price for twice the product: I can think of no equivalent.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SKINNER,
As from: Apple Cottage,
Ash Thomas, Tiverton, Devon.
December 13.

Poor girls

From Miss Julia Hutton-Squire

Sir, I am delighted to read that the assessment authority is responding so rapidly to the wide disparity between girls and boys in the tests for 11-year-olds. It will be "reviewing its tests to see if the format is placing boys at a disadvantage" (report, December 13).

Is this to become a universal approach for exams or will universities (such as Oxford) continue to assume that where women achieve lower results than men this is due to their failure to adapt to university life either intellectually or socially?

Yours faithfully,
JULIA HUTTON-SQUIRE,
3 Albany Mews,
Montagu Avenue,
Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
December 14.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 15: His Excellency Mr Kent Durr and Mrs Durr were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for the Republic of South Africa in London.

Her Majesty received Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel Commandant, Yeomanry, and Colonel Edward York upon assuming the appointment.

Miss Joan Wanklyn was received by The Queen and presented Her Majesty with a painting of the Review of the Parade of Yeomanry which took place in Windsor Great Park in April.

Major Patrick Mileham was received by The Queen and presented to Her Majesty a copy of the History of the Yeomanry.

Colonel John Hills, Colonel, Yeomanry, was present.

His Excellency Mr Evert Azimullah was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Suriname to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Azimullah was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Queen received the Bishop of Guildford (the Right Reverend John Gladwin) who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by the Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (the Lord President of the Council) and did Homage upon his *appointment*.

The Queen received the Bishop of Rochester (the Right Reverend Michael Nazir-Ali) who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by the Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (the Lord President of the Council) and did Homage upon his appointment.

The Lord President of the Council *administered the Oath*.

The Bishop of Chelmsford (Clerk of the Closet) and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 15: The Princess Royal this morning named a TriCat *Ferry for Hong Kong at Cowes* and was received by Her Majesty's Governor and Lord-Lieutenant for Isle of Wight (the Lord Mottistone).

ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 15: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, this morning chaired a meeting of the Court of Advisers at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trusts, this afternoon gave a Reception for staff of the trusts.

The Prince of Wales later received the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (the Rt Hon Douglas Hurd *MP*).

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trust, and President, the Royal Jubilee Trusts, this evening received Dr June Paterson-Brown, Mr Antony Kenney and Mr George Pratt, retiring trustees.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 15: The Duke of Gloucester was present this evening at a performance of "The Comedy of Errors", to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the first performance of the play in Gray's Inn Hall, at Gray's Inn, London WC1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at a Carol Concert in aid of Home-Start at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SW1.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 15: The Duchess of Kent, President, this afternoon presided at the Congregation of Awards, the Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road, Manchester, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John *Timmins*).

Her Royal Highness, President, this evening attended a concert, the Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road, Manchester.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Harold Bailey, former Professor of Sanskrit, 95; Mr J.M. Blackburn, chief executive, Halifax Building Society, 53; Mr N.C. Blamey, artist, 80; Sir Michael Carlisle, former chairman, Trent Regional Health Authority, 65; Mr Arthur C. Clarke, science writer, 77; Judge Myrella Cohen, QC, 67; Professor Bernard Crick, author, 65; the Hon Peter Dickinson, author, 67; Mrs Jacqueline Duncan, Principal, Inchbald School of Design, 63; Mr Joel Garner, cricketer, 42; Mr R.N. Gunn, former chairman, The Boots Company, 69; Miss Heather Hallett, QC, 45; Sir Jasper Hollom, former deputy governor, Bank of England, 77; Mr John Kirwan, rugby player, 30; Miss Jacqui Lait, MP, 47; Lord Margadale, 88; Lord Mottistone, 74; Mr Trevor Pinnock, harpsichordist and conductor, 48; Sir Victor Pritchett, CH, author and critic, 94; Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barrett, 72; Sir John Thompson, former High Court judge, 87; Miss Liv Ullmann, actress, 56; Mr W.H.P. Whatley, trade unionist, 72; Lieutenant-General Sir Roger Wheeler, 53.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Headway National Head Injuries Association, will attend a luncheon at the London Hilton on Park Lane, at 12.30.

Reception

British Association of Aviation Consultants
Lord Trefgarne, President of the British Association of Aviation Consultants, and Captain Paul Wilson, chairman, were the hosts at a reception for members and guests held yesterday at Carlyle House, London, SW1, to mark the opening by Viscount Goschen, Minister for Aviation and Shipping, of their new head office.

Luncheon

National Sporting Club
Mr Jim Bowen was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the National Sporting Club held yesterday at the Café Royal for members of the Warwickshire cricket team. Mr David Willis, club secretary, presided.

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Catherine of Aragon, first wife of King Henry VIII, Alcalá de Henares, Spain, 1485; John Selden, lawyer and historian, Worthing, 1584; George Whitefield, evangelist, Gloucester, 1714; Gebhard von Blücher, Field Marshal, Rostock, Germany, 1742; Ludwig van Beethoven, composer, Bonn, 1770; Jane Austen, novelist, Steventon Rectory, Hampshire, 1775; *Mary Russell Mitford*, essayist and dramatist, Alresford, Hampshire, 1787; Zoltán Kodály, composer, Kecskemet, Hungary, 1882; Sir John (Jack) Hobbs, cricketer, Cambridge, 1882; King Alexander I of Yugoslavia, reigned 1929-34, Cetinje, 1888; Sir Noel Coward, playwright and composer, London, 1899; Margaret Mead, anthropologist, Philadelphia, 1901.

DEATHS: Sir William Petty, political economist, London, 1687; Thomas Pennant, naturalist, Downing, Flintshire, 1798; David Hamilton, architect, Glasgow, 1843; Richard Bright, physician, London, 1858; Wilhelm Grimm, *collector of folk tales*, Berlin, 1859; Alphonse Daudet, writer, Paris, 1897; Charles Camille Saint-Saëns, composer, Algiers, 1921; Glenn Miller, dance band leader, *missing in flight to France*, 1944.

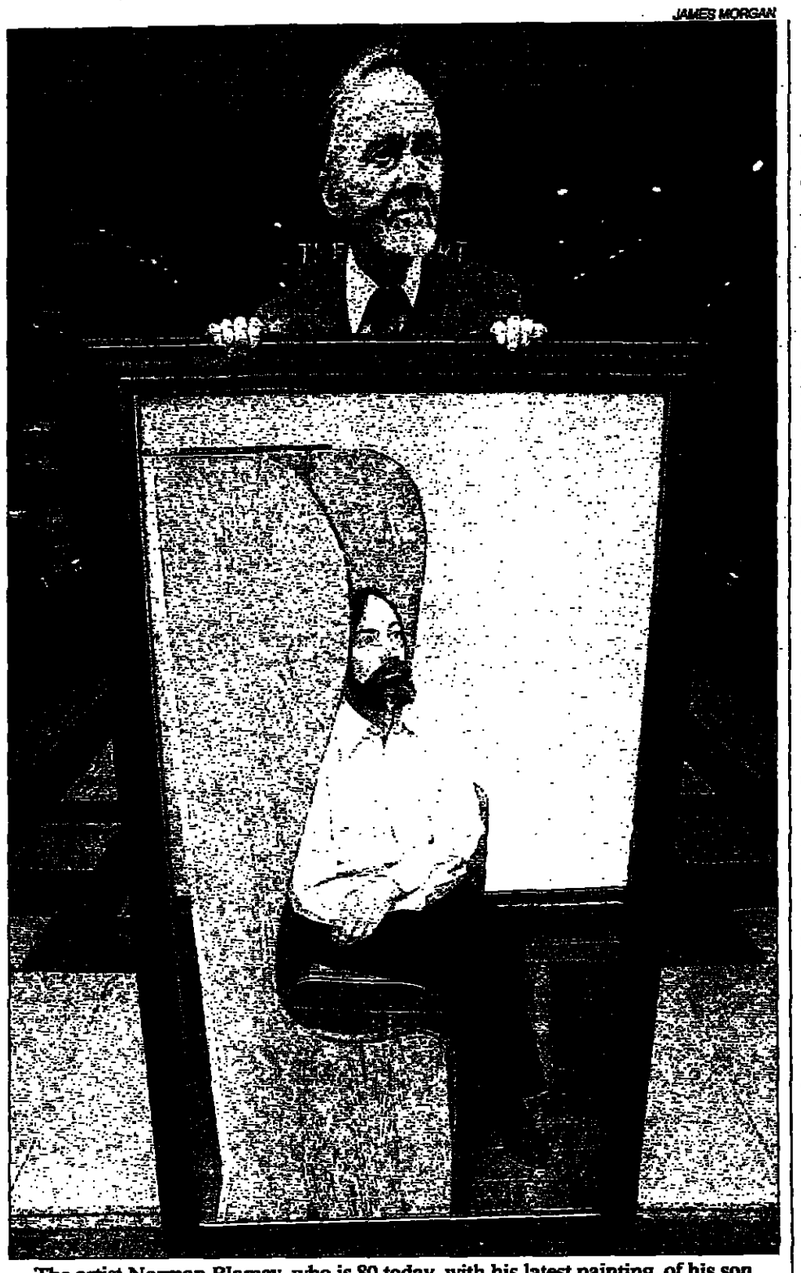
Dinners

Royal Society of St George
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the Christmas dinner of the City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Joseph Byllam-Barnes, chairman, presided. The Lord Mayor, Brigadier Paul Orchard-Lisle, Mr Derek Kemp, vice president, and the Rev Basil Watson spoke. The High Commissioner for South Africa and Mrs Kent Durr, and Mr Deputy Bernard L. Morgan, branch president, were among those present.

Royal Aeronautical Society
Mr Robert W. Baker, Executive Vice-President Operations, American Airlines, delivered the annual Royal Aeronautical Society's Wilbur and Orville Wright lecture to *the society last night at 4 Hamilton* Place. At the annual dinner held afterwards M Jean Pierson, Managing Director of Airbus Industrie, was the guest of honour and *Mr C.B.G Masefield*, president, was the host. Earlier the society's medals and awards for 1994 were presented to to the following:
Honorary Companion: Mr R Branson and Professor C Pennycuick
Honorary Fellowship: Mr S Gillilorand, Baroness Platt of Writtle and Lord Tombs
Society Gold: Mr M R Williams
Society Silver: Dr M G Hall
Society Bronze: Mr H M Newns and Mr G Thomas
Wakefield Gold Medal: Mr A C D Cumming
Flight Simulation Silver Medal: Captain W A Wooden
Peter Allard Silver Medal: Mr A Turchetti
R P Alston Medal: Mr R N Lee
Alan Marsh Medal: WO1 P James
N E Rowe Medal: Mr R Allen
British Gold Medal: Mr R McKinlay
British Silver Medal: Mr S J Swadling
British Bronze Medal: Mr E M Slater
Buchanan Barbour Award: Mr R G Green
Silver Turnbuckle Award: Mr J E Humphreys
Geoffrey Pardoe Space Award: Mr J Byrne
Sir Roy Fedden Award: Mr S Gallimore
J R Cooper Prize: Mr S E Allwright
Alan Marsh Award: Mr D B Ingham

The Anchorites
Commander and Alderman Sir Robin Gillett was the principal guest at a dinner of The Anchorites held last night at the Café Royal. Commander O.D. Somerville Jones presided.

The Cambridge Society of Brussels
The Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, Professor Sir David *Williams*, QC, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Cambridge Society of Brussels held last night at the Club des Officiers du Premier Régiment de Guides. Mr G.J. Fletcher presided.
Among those present were:
HM Ambassador to Belgium, Mr J W D Gray, Sir Roy and Lady Denman, General Thibaut de Maisières, Mr L M A de Vleeschauwer, Mr S Havrilk, Mrs C Walker and Mr P R A G Hollenfeltz du Treux.


JAMES MORGAN

The artist Norman Blamey, who is 80 today, with his latest painting, of his son Stephen. To mark his birthday the Tate Gallery gave a special luncheon this week and has hung three of his paintings in different parts of the gallery. Mr Blamey completes only about one painting a year. The picture of his son is on show at the Fine Art Society's showroom in New Bond Street, London W1

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines
CAPTAIN: P J Kidner - Yeovilton 2.6.95
COMMANDER: N D Arnall-Culliford - Gannet in Command 23.5.95; R O Broad - MOD Bath 23.12.94; P Giles - Staff of FOSM Northwood 8.5.95; M L John - MOD London 6.6.95; C A Johnstone-Burt - Brave in Cmd 12.12.94; D J Knight - Staff of CINCFLEET 3.2.95; D G Molyneaux - MOD London 5.5.95; P N Morris - RNC Greenwich 2.5.95; M R Pepper - RNAS Portland 9.6.95; M F Prior - Fearless 16.6.95; L D Rigby - Loan DRA Farnborough 17.3.95; N J Stenhouse - MOD Portsmouth 27.1.95.
SURGEON COMMANDER: A V Balmer - 7.4.95
MAJOR: T C G Hunter - CTCRM Lympstone 9.6.95; M A Stevens - *MOD London 7.7.95*
CHAPLAIN: M Brotherton - Collingwood 17.3.95; D H Goodburn - Daedalus 28.3.95; T J Lewis - Drake 1.4.95
Retirements
COMMANDER: J McClurg - 26.2.95.

Christening

The infant daughter of Mr G.H.R. Bondonneau and Mrs Bondonneau, née Maitland-Robinson, was christened Fabienne Saskia Augustine Maitland, by the Rev Christopher A. Courtauld at St Paul's, Wilton Place, on December 7, 1994. The godparents are Mr and Mrs Nicholas Phillips, Mrs Caroline Dickenson and Mr Justin Thomas.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Canon James Rone, Canon Treasurer of Ely Cathedral, and formerly Vicar, Fordham and Rector, Kennett, diocese Ely: to be Archdeacon of Wisbech, *same* diocese.
The Rev Nicholas Anderson, Curate, St Mary, Walton: to be Vicar, St Francis, Kitt Green (Liverpool).
The Rev Adrian Bailey, Assistant *Curate, Oswestry St Oswald: to be* Resident Minister, Burton St Modwen w St Paul and Burton St Aiden (Shobnall), w special responsibility for ministry in the *town centre (Lichfield)*.
The Rev Neville Beamer, Rector, St Lawrence: St Matthew, Jersey, Channel Islands: to be Vicar, Yateley (Winchester).
The Rev Graham Beardsley, Curate, St Anne, Stanley: to be Vicar, Holy Spirit, Dovecot (Liverpool).
The Rev Canon Roger Clifton, Priest-in-charge, Colerne w North *Wraxall: to be Rector*, Greater Corsham (Bristol).
The Rev Paul Conrad, Vicar, St Martin, Gospel Oak: to be Priest-in-charge, Christ Church, Hampstead (London).
The Rev Bernard Crosby, Curate, Penn Fields (Lichfield): to be Vicar, St Leonards-on-Sea, St Ethelburga (Chichester).
The Rev Nathan Davey, Assistant Curate, St John's, Palmers Green: to be Assistant Curate, St Silas, Kentish Town and Holy Trinity, Kentish Town (London).
The Rev Canon Paul Denby, Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Manchester): to be also Acting Chaplain to the Bishop of Manchester.

University of Oxford

Professor Basil S. Markesinis, D Iur (Athens), MA, PhD, LLD (Cantab), D Iur, h c (Ghent), Professor of European Private Law at University College London, Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn, Corresponding Member of the Academy of Athens and the Royal Belgian Academy, has been elected as first holder of the Professorship of European Law and Directorship of the Centre for the Advanced Study of European and Comparative Law, at the University of Oxford.

School news

Edgehill College, Bideford, Devon
The Governors are pleased to announce the following Scholarships and Exhibitions for September 1995:
Sixth Form Scholarships to Yolanda Amengual, Lucinda Beesley, Rachael Bishop, Jessica King, Andrea Mott, Kate Nicholson, Hannah Sainsbury.
Sixth Form Exhibition to Chloe Armstrong.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.D. Gardner
and Miss E.M. Gregory
The engagement is announced between Stephen Douglas, son of Mrs Lesley Key, of London, and Mr Stephen Gardner, of Florida, USA, and Beth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Gregory, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr R.S. Hickox
and Miss P.H. Stephen
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mrs Jean Hickox and the late Rev Sidney Hickox, of Bourne End, and Pamela Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.H. Stephen, of Bieldside, Aberdeen.

Mr H.F.I. Jones
and Miss C.E.B. Snape
The engagement is announced between Huw Jones, QARANC, only son of Mr and Mrs Edwin Jones, and Cheryl, youngest daughter of Mr John Snape and Mrs Mary Snape.

Mr R.L. Read
and Miss S.L. Garland
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Read, of Château de Rouvres-sur-Aube, France, and Sally, only daughter of Sir Victor and Lady Garland, of Wilton Place, Knightsbridge.

Mr A.J. Small
and Miss B.S. Straw
The engagement is announced between Angus, son of Mr and Mrs James Small, of Bowerchalke, Wiltshire, and Beverley, daughter of Mr David Straw, of Teddington, Middlesex, and Mrs Cicely Straw, of East Grinstead, West Sussex.

Mr E.A. Westacott
and Miss S.J. Newcombe
The engagement is announced between Eric, only son of Mr Michael Westacott, of Elstree, Hertfordshire, and Susie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Newcombe, of Seascale, Cumbria.

Mr S.J. White
and Miss S.S.R. Wells
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of His Honour Judge and Mrs Frank White, of Barnes, and Serena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Wells, of Chelsea.

Mr E.P. Penollar
and Miss C.R. Hall
The engagement is announced between Edgardo, Paunlagui, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Benjamin T. Penollar, of Sydney, Australia, and Caroline Rebecca, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Hall, of Radlett, Hertfordshire.

Mr R.C.W. Smith
and Miss C.M. Rose
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs A.W.R. Smith, of Chipley, South Knighton, Devon, and Clare, daughter of the late Mr Peter Rose and of Mrs Judy Freestone, of Bramcote, Brent Knoll, Somerset.

Mr N.J. Squire
and Miss M.E. Lumsden
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr John Squire, of Marbella, Spain, and of Mrs John Titchhurst, of London, and Marion, second daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs John Lumsden, of Bradenham Beeches, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S.R. Talbot
and Miss S. Walton Stevenson
The engagement is announced between Stephen, second son of the Rev Bertie and Mrs Talbot, of The Rectory, Ightham, Sevenoaks, Kent, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Walton Stevenson, of Twin Oaks, Hindhead, Surrey.

Mr S.L. Wignell
and Miss E.S.M. Sizer
The engagement is announced between Simon Laborda, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Wignell, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Emma, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Sizer, of Kensington, London.

Marriage

Mr S. Wigart
and The Hon Mrs Julia Groves
The marriage took place on December 14 at the Swedish Church in London of Mr Sture Wigart and the Hon Mrs Julia Groves, née Cokayne.

University news

Manchester
Appointments:
David Arthur Pailin, Reader in the Philosophy of Religion, to be Professor of Philosophy of Religion from December 1.
John Michael Davies, Professor of Civil Engineering in the University of Salford, to be Professor of Structural Engineering in the Manchester School of Engineering, from a date to be arranged.
Timothy Edward Hardingham, Head of the Biochemistry Division, Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology, London, to be *Professor of Biochemistry* in the Wellcome Trust Cell Matrix Research Unit in the School of Biological Sciences, from a date to be arranged.
Andrew Stewart Irvine Loudon, Head of the Reproductive Biology Group at the Institute of Zoology, to be Professor of Animal Biology in the School of Biological Sciences from January 1, 1995 or a later date.
Appointment of honorary visiting professors:
Dr Erik Hollnagel, Technical Director, Human Reliability Associated Ltd, to be Honorary Visiting Professor of Psychology from October 1, 1994 to September 30, 1997.
Mr R T Ramsden, Consultant ENT surgeon to Central Manchester Healthcare Trust, to be Honorary Visiting Professor in Otolaryngology (in lieu of his existing appointment as Honorary Lecturer in the Department of Surgery and in the Centre for Audiology, Speech Pathology and Education of the Deaf) from October 1, 1994 to September 30, 1997.
Dr S M Shalet, Consultant Physician to the South Manchester University Hospitals Trust, to be Honorary Visiting Professor of Medicine (in lieu of his existing appointment as Honorary Clinical Lecturer in Medicine) from October 1, 1994 to September 30 1997.
Other appointments:
Lecturers in Human Geography, Sarah J Atkinson, A T Tickell.
Lecturer in Geography, *R J* Braithwaite.
Lecturer in Early Christianity in the Department of Religions and Theology, Kate Cooper.
Lecturer in Greek and Latin, R K Gibson.
Lecturer in Medieval History, Conrad Leyser.
Lecturer in History of Art, L L Morgan.
Lecturer in French, Pascale Voilley.
Lecturer in Economic Studies, K J Clark.
Lecturers in Sociology, P Glavanis, Suzanne J Heath.
Lecturers in Government, Yoran Gorlizki, P J Lawler, A T Russell.
Lecturers in Social Anthropology, P G Gow, Maia Green, Sarah F Green, S P Wade.
Lecturer in Nursing, Geraldine M C Mason.
Lecturer in Plant Molecular Science in the School of Biological Sciences, Anil Day.
Lecturers in Electrical Engineering, Basher A Taher Al Zahawi, Violet Leavers.
Lecturer in Inorganic Chemistry, B J Coe.
Lecturer in Medical Chemistry in the Department of Pharmacy, Sally Freeman.
Lecturer in Experimental Petrology in the Department of Geology, Alison R Pawley.
Lecturer in Materials Science, R I Todd.
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BIRTHS

BROWN - **DURK** - On December 14th at Queen Charlotte's, to Nick and Jenny, a son, James George Wishaw.

DUNCAN - On December 15th, at the Matilda, Hong Kong, to Mandy and Miles, twin girls, sisters for Sean and Clare.

DUTTON - On December 6th, to Gill (née Turner) and Jonathan, a son, Oliver Jack, a brother for Matthew, Laura and Tom.

GOSS - On December 11th, to Dawne and James, a son, William (Bill) Arthur Bruno, a brother for Alexandra, Prunella, George and Claudia.

HOLMES - On December 9th, to Vanessa (née Tikmanis) and Eddy, a son, Max Conor Jude.

HOWARD - On 12th December 1994, in Jersey, to Zillah (née Webb) and Simon, a son, a brother for Matthew and James.

IRWIN CLARK - On 9th December, at St George's, London, to Sophie and Simon, a second daughter.

JAFFE - On December 13th at the Wellington Hospital, to Hali and Scott, a beautiful daughter, Jordyn Hope.

MARTIN - On December 15th at Queen's Park Hospital, to Patricia (née Hennessy) and Giles, a son, Christopher Giles.

McALPINE - On December 15th, to Claire (née Hodgson) and Andrew William, a son, a brother for Freddie.

POZNANSKY - On December 10th 1994, at home in St Ives, to Gillian and Jonathan, a son, Barnabas Jonathan, a brother for Joshua, Sebastian, Harriet and Frederica.

REED - On December 8th, in Australia, to Nicola (née Davies-Cooke) and Ian, a son, Hugh William Bryan.

SAUNDSON - On December 13th, in Hong Kong, to Sophie and David, a daughter, Jemima Elizabeth, a sister for Henrietta.

BIRTHS

SEARLE - On 6th December to Christina (née Ramage) and Adam a son, Frederick Hamilton, a brother for Daisy and George.

TOWNLEY - On December 14th, to Moira (née Whitehorn) and The Revd. Peter, a son, Oliver George, a brother for Alec and Phillis. Special thanks to Trafford General Hospital.

TRAVERS - On 13th December, to Deborah and Iain, a son, Alexander Benjamin, a brother for Oliver.

VAN der BYL - On 11th *December 1994 at the U.C.H.* London, to Julie (née Croft) and Kevin, a daughter, Francesca Rose.

VOLKER - On 11th December 1994 in Oxford, to Christiane (née Rostand) and Johannes, a son, Roland Joachim Adriaan.

DEATHS

ALLEN - On December 13th at Whitehaven, Susan Lavender Allen, of Malmesbury. Cremation and Thanksgiving at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Tuesday December 20th at 12 noon. No flowers but donations if made to the Rainer Foundation.

BILLMEIR - Peacefully on Tuesday 13th December, after a very short illness, Eric *Roy George* aged 82. Loved brother of the late Bill and Jack, brother-in-law of the late Anne, a great friend and generous benefactor to so many. Funeral at St James's Church, Elstead, Surrey, at 11.30 am on Wednesday 21st December.

BRADSHAW - Norman, on December 14th, beloved husband of Margaret and father of Martin, Michael and Caroline. Funeral Service on Tuesday December 20th at 1 pm at St Peter's Church, Titchfield, Hampshire.

DEATHS

HABIBIS - Homer MD, President of the Federation of Cypriots in Britain and of the World Federation of Overseas Cypriots - on 12th December, loved and mourned by his children Mary, Noel, Teresa and Daphne and their families and by his many friends, colleagues and former patients. Funeral Service at 11 am on Monday 19th December at the Greek Cathedral, Aghia Sophia, Moscow Road, London W2, followed by a burial service. No flowers, please but donations to Children in Need A/C 11597119 or The Leukaemia Foundation A/C 21537915 c/o Cyprus Popular Bank, 23 Fitzroy Street, London W1P 5BA.

HARMSWORTH - Suddenly at her home, Thrunster House, By Wick, Caithness, on Wednesday December 14th 1994, Lady Jessamine Harmsworth, beloved wife of the late Michael Harmsworth, dear mother of Andrew, Marigold, Caroline, Angela, Istay and Peter, and a much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral from Thrunster Church on Monday December 19th 1994. Service commencing 1.45pm. Thereafter to Thrunster House Burial Ground. All friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if desired to Red Cross & M.S. Collection at Church door.

HARRISON - On December 15th 1994, peacefully in Verrington Hospital, Wincanton, Hilda Mary, aged 85 years. Sister of Geoff Harrison and the late Elspeth Stanford, and adored aunt of Jonathan, Christopher, Rose, Michael and Don. She will be greatly missed by her 15 great-nephews and nieces, who kept her young. Enquiries to The Weyman Funeral Service, (0225) 354289.

DEATHS

HUDLESTON - Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Cuthbert, on December 14th peacefully in St Leonards on Sea, dear husband of Brenda and much loved by his family Anthony, Eric and Sally. Cremation in Hastings. A Thanksgiving Service at St Clements Danes, The Strand, to be announced later. Donations if desired to the RAF Benevolent Fund. Details from A.C. Towner Ltd., Funeral Directors, (0424) 436366.

KEDGE - On December 13th, peacefully in hospital at Southampton, Edward George (Ted) aged 85 years of Lymington, Widower of Margaret, dear father of Michael and David and grandpa to Georgina. Funeral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Wednesday December 21st at 1.15 pm. Flowers to Diamond and Son Funeral Directors, Lymington.

LEE - Ann Margaret, on 13th December 1994, dearly loved mother of Caroline and Georgina and daughter of The Preb. Rev. A. and Mrs Edwards, Welshpool. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Battersea, on Tuesday 20th December at 11.15 am, followed by cremation. Flowers or donations to MIND c/o Larner & Son, 117 Falcon Road, London SW11 2PE.

LEE - Suddenly on December 13th, Ann Margaret, wife of Richard and adored mother of Caroline and Georgina. Service at St Mary's, Battersea, on Tuesday December 20th at 11.15 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to MIND, Granta House, Broadway, London E15 4BQ.

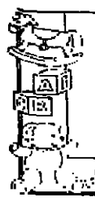
DEATHS

LLOYD - On December 14th 1994, peacefully at home, Robert Selwyn (Bob), aged 74, beloved husband of Mary and devoted father and grandfather. Formerly of Tanzania and Manchester University. Thanksgiving Service at St Bartholomew's Church, Wilmslow, on Tuesday December 20th at 2pm, followed by Macclesfield Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Stroke Association. Enquiries to Albert R. Slack (Funeral Director) Ltd., Wilmslow, tel: (0625) 525063.

MACLEAN - Millicent Felicia, on December 12th 1994 in Oxford, much loved wife of Ian and devoted mother of Jean, Private Cremation. Memorial Service to be held later. No flowers please by request but donations if wished to Action for the Blind People c/o A.W. Bruce, 29 Rogers Street, Summertown, Oxford.

MATHEWS - Nest Elkin, daughter of Charles Elkin Mathews, on Tuesday 6th December 1994, at Bexhill, aged 97.

MILLER - On December 16th 1994, in South Africa, John Brian Peter, Q.C., aged 91, of PO Box 222, Somerset West, 7130 South Africa. Much loved husband, brother, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.



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NAGHAVI - On December 14th, at Ashley Park Nursing Home, Claudon, Surrey: Freda Margaret - late Lieutenant - peacefully after a long illness. Beloved wife of Said, mother of Leila, Shatta, Darioush and grandmother of Maryam, Roxanne, Justin and Brendan. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium Monday December 19th at 3.pm.

NEWMAN - Andrew Edward, aged 22 in a tragic accident, on Wednesday December 14th. Treasured eldest son of Lynda and Peter, beloved brother to Sarah and Thomas and brother-in-law to James. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Frensham, Surrey, December 19th at 11.30 am. No flowers. Donations please, to The Stroke Association, CHSA House, Whitecross Street, London EC1Y 8JJ.

RATHBONE - On December 12th 1994, peacefully at Pinehill House Nursing Home following a long illness borne with great fortitude, Elizabeth Mary Charlotte Rathbone (Betty) formerly of "Pandora", Dunston Green, the only child of the late Harry and Ethel. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Sevenoaks, on Tuesday December 20th at 12 noon followed by interment at Greatness Cemetery. Family flowers only, please, but donations in her memory may be sent, if desired, to Help the Aged, St James's Walk, London, EC1R 0BE.

DEATHS

PIERROCK - Suddenly at home, aged 70 years. Major Raymond Arthur Pierrock TD, President of the Bradford & West Berkshire Branch, Royal Engineers Association. Funeral enquiries to Thomas Pink & Son (Funeral Directors) Telephone 01489 892640.

SLADE - On 12th December, at his home in Salisbury, Squadron Leader Richard Michael (Mike) Slade, MBE., BA., RAF (Retd). Funeral enquiries to Will Case and Partners, tel: (01722) 414821.

WILTON - Roger Stuart Francis, died peacefully at 2.05 am on 13th December, soon after his 81st birthday. Dearly loved father of Lesley, Barbara and Alison and husband of Yvonne. Former pupil of King Alfred School, Golders Green. The funeral service will be held at Hendon Cemetery Chapel, Holders Hill Road, Mill Hill, London, on Tuesday 20th December at 3.30 pm. Funeral Directors, Co-op, Burnt Oak, (081) 952-1393.

YOUNG - On December 13th, died suddenly at home in Maidenhead, England, Anthony (Tony), late of South Africa, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Greece. Loving husband of Shirley, father of Peter, Gordon and Barry, much loved grandfather of Tony and Addie. Funeral Mass 10.30am 22nd December at St Edmund Campion Church, Altwood Road, Maidenhead, Berks., followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to a charity of your choice.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ASHLEY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Maurice Ashley CBE will be held at St John's Wood Church, London NW8, on Saturday 28th January 1995 at 12 noon.

***IN MEMORIAM* – PRIVATE**

BETTS - In loving memory of my dearest husband Lt. Col. Frank Betts MBE, Coldstream Guards, 16th December 1985. Forever in my thoughts. Miss you today and always. All love Jane.

COWARD - Sir Noel, remembered with love on his birthday. Graham and Joan.

HELLALIEU - Yvonne aged 18 our adored and only daughter tragically taken from us December 16th 1980.

PIGGOTT - Charles Antony Piggott M.A., Ph.D. Remembered, a brilliant and gifted young man: Holyrood Academy, Edinburgh University, The City of London.

PIGGOTT - Dr. Charles Antony Piggott. Love unchanging. Marjorie, Reginald and Mary-Anne.

WATTS - Joan. Always and especially loved. Avery.

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OBITUARIES

ORVAL FAUBUS

Orval Faubus, Governor of Arkansas, 1955-67, died on December 14 aged 84. He was born on January 7, 1910.

ORVAL FAUBUS came to epitomise racial prejudice in America's Deep South when he defied federal orders to desegregate Little Rock Central High School in 1957, causing President Eisenhower to respond by sending in federal troops. It was a rare confrontation at such a level between state and federal authorities and demonstrated the degree of federal resolve to enforce the Supreme Court's 1954 decision to desegregate schools.

The odd thing about Orval Faubus's role in the affair was that he began his political career as a liberal Democrat, following in the footsteps of his socialist father. Indeed, when first elected as Governor of Arkansas in 1955, he immediately launched a populist programme of social and economic development. He reformed the welfare laws, established a conservation commission, increased mental health facilities and formed the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission.

Against overwhelming public opinion in the state, Faubus also began to implement the 1954 Supreme Court decision banning segregation in public schools. Six out of seven state colleges were desegregated, as were many of the state's largest secondary schools.

But all that changed in 1956, when Faubus found himself running for re-election against a segregationist named Jim Johnson. With the polls showing 85 per cent of the people opposed to desegregation, the Governor campaigned for legislation giving the state power to assign pupils to school by race, together with a resolution giving state law supremacy over federal acts deemed to be illegal. Both measures passed, and Faubus was re-elected.

Then, in the following year, the school board of the Central High School in Little Rock, the state capital, proposed that it should be racially integrated. There was instant public uproar. Faubus refused to take a stand on the issue, and appealed to the Justice Department for help. But the Eisenhower Administration replied that it did not wish to get involved. Driven into a political corner, Faubus tried to prevent desegregation through the courts, failed and then ordered the state National Guard to bar nine black pupils from entering Central High School. He insisted that he was not flouting the order of the federal district court, but acting "to preserve peace and prevent bloodshed".



Faubus announcing in 1957 that he would not integrate Little Rock's Central High School

The reaction from Washington was at first uncertain. Eisenhower announced that he opposed using federal troops to enforce court orders, and would not exercise his option of federalising the National Guard. He met Faubus and tried to arrange a compromise but the Governor was adamant. Though Faubus did remove the troops from Central High in response to a federal injunction, the hostile white mob around the school still prevented black pupils from entering. Finally, after the crisis had lasted for three weeks, Eisenhower changed his mind, federalised the Arkansas National Guard and ordered the 101st Army Airborne Division to escort the children to class.

Faubus continued to oppose integration throughout 1958, calling on the Little Rock school board to avoid desegregating the remaining public schools or to resign. This time Eisenhower reacted by indicating that he would enforce court decisions, and Faubus reacted by closing down all Little Rock high schools in November. They remained closed until August 1959, when they were peacefully desegregated.

The defeat did little to damage Faubus's popularity in the state. The following year he ran again as a moderate and defeated his segregationist opponent to win a fourth two-year term as Governor. In all, he served six terms before retiring in 1967, establishing an Arkansas record.

Three subsequent attempts to stage a political comeback, however, all failed, and by 1977 Faubus was reportedly working as a bank teller.

To the last, he insisted he acted as he did only to avoid the violence he said he was sure would come with desegregation. "I didn't know whether it would make me a hero or a goat," he recalled. "I honestly believed it would make me a goat."

Born in the Ozark mountains in northwestern Arkansas, one of the poorest corners of an impoverished state, Orval Eugene Faubus did not graduate from elementary school until he was 17, and then taught alternate terms in a one-room school while attending high school, from which he did not emerge until he was 23. Between terms he worked as an itinerant fruit-picker, riding the freight trains to jobs.

For two years Faubus worked in the lumber industry and then, in a startling career change, got himself elected as the Madison County clerk and recorder in 1938. Towards the end of his second term, in 1942, he was nominated for the office of county judge, but joined the US Army instead.

Taking part in the Normandy invasion, Faubus had a distinguished combat record as an infantry officer, winning the Bronze Star for gallantry and emerging with the rank of major.

On demobilisation he bought a tiny Arkansas newspaper and became its editor and publisher with considerable success. It was his liberal editorials that brought him to the attention of the then Arkansas Governor, Sidney McMath, who appointed him director of highways in 1951. Though Faubus lost the job a year later when his patron was defeated by the racist Francis Cherry, he had gained a taste for politics. In 1954, after a bitter campaign in which he was accused of communist sympathies, Faubus defeated Cherry to begin his 12-year term in the Governor's mansion.

Orval Faubus is survived by his wife, a son having predeceased him.

TOM SUTTON

Tom Sutton, international advertising executive, died on December 9 aged 71. He was born on February 9, 1923.



TOM SUTTON was the architect of the international expansion of J. Walter Thompson after the Second World War. He was the successful founder of the Frankfurt office in Germany, managing director of the London office, and executive vice-president international in New York.

He was a man of impressive energy, restless intelligence and was constitutionally incapable of resisting a challenge. He was also unshakeably loyal to both people and principles and in return generated fierce loyalty in others. He possessed an impish sense of humour, a love of practical jokes, was a persistent raconteur and took deep pride in never forgetting birthdays, even of remote acquaintances. It is not surprising, therefore, that apocryphal stories sprang up around him in whatever continent he served.

Thomas Francis Sutton was born in Berlin in 1923. His was an artistic family. His parents kept open house for writers, poets and painters. His grandfather was a founder of the Musikverein, and of the Tonkünstler Orchestra in Vienna.

He was educated in Berlin and Vienna before his family fled the Nazis, and he completed his education at King's School, Worcester, and St Peter's Hall, Oxford, where he ran the 100 yards and 220 yards for the university, and played rugby, rowed and swam for his college. Shortly after coming down from Oxford he married his first wife, Ann Fleming.

He joined J. Walter Thompson in 1952 and was immediately sent to restart JWT in Germany, the original office having been closed in 1933. In at the beginning of a re-emergent Germany, he built the most successful agency in the country and did much to establish modern advertising there. He established the commission system for agency remuneration as the national standard. He created a university of advertising to train inexperienced but talented staff, and he pioneered new media formats. He possessed a rare skill in choosing people and had an intuitive ability to discover talent. He selected each of the 250 people in the Frankfurt office himself and improbably chose as his successor a former officer of the German General Staff. He was worshipped by his staff who called him "Väterchen" — little Father.

His Frankfurt success was soon noticed by the management in New York and in 1959 he was promoted to be managing director in London. There the style was very different. The former chairman took great pride in saying that he recruited his staff from only half-a-dozen schools, two regiments and two universities. Tom Sutton changed all that.

His "German" methods were not appreciated by all but he assembled a management team of great ability with young men such as Jeremy Bullmore, Stephen King and John Treasure. Largely because of their efforts the intellectual centre of the company shifted to London. The best measure of Sutton's accomplishment during his six-year tenure as managing director was not so much what had happened but was about to happen in one of the most spectacular periods of growth in the history of any advertising agency.

His next move was to New York. "US finds room at the top for a restless Briton" was *The Times* headline that announced Sutton's election as J. Walter Thompson's executive vice-president in charge of all JWT's international operations. While he was in charge, billings outside the United States doubled and soon represented 50 per cent of all J. Walter Thompson's worldwide billings.

It was then that he discovered that he had a brain tumour and it was typical of the man that he left his secretary two envelopes, one to be opened if he survived the operation, the other to be opened if he did not. He survived not only that operation but another similar one a decade later.

After his recovery he decided that he wanted to return to what he enjoyed best, running an office, and typically he asked for and was given the most challenging assignment in the company — the managership of the Tokyo office. This he again performed with conspicuous distinction and succeeded in winning over to his side the sympathy of the Japanese trade unions. It was in Japan that he met and married his second wife.

He was presented with the International Man of The Year Award in 1970. He lectured in advertising at Columbia and Rutgers universities in the United States and at Sophia University in Tokyo.

In spite of, or perhaps because of, his drive, restlessness and energy, and his very eccentricity, he generated affection wherever he went.

He is survived by his first wife and their three children and by Maki Watanabe whom he married in 1982.

COLONEL IVO REID

Colonel Ivo Reid, OBE, former High Sheriff of Northamptonshire, died on December 9 aged 83. He was born on November 2, 1911.

IN MAY 1940, as a young captain in the 2nd Battalion The Irish Guards, Ivo Reid took part in Operation Harpoon which whisked the Dutch Royal Family and the Dutch Government to safety from the path of the advancing German Army.

Transported by the Royal Navy across the Channel, the battalion (containing a company of Welsh Guards) arrived off the Hook of Holland at daybreak on May 13 and was immediately bombed on reaching the quayside. There was almost a nasty incident at one stage, when the adjutant mistook the Dutch for Germans. A fleet of long black limousines, escorted by motorcycle outriders, swept up, the car doors swinging open instantaneously as security men in plain clothes leapt out.

The drill was so impeccable and well-timed that The Irish Guards adjutant suspected the Gestapo and drew his pistol. He cocked it as the first official marched up to them, snapping smartly to attention and clicking his heels. But at that point the elderly Dutch monarch, Queen Wilhelmina, stepped from one of the saloons with her own escort, to be taken on board the destroyer *HMS Malcolm* — which conducted her and members of the Government, first to Flushing and then to safety in this country. Princess (later to become Queen) Juliana had left The Netherlands the day before.

Within a few days of their arriving back in England, The Irish Guards were dispatched to Boulogne to help to reinforce the French port as the Wehrmacht approached. But with only eight anti-tank guns between them, their mission was doomed.

Later in the war Reid transferred to the 3rd Battalion and crossed the Channel two weeks after D-Day. Later that year he took part in the desperate but vain attempt by part of 30 Corps to reach the beleaguered British paratroopers at Arnhem, as second-in-command to Lieutenant-Colonel "Joe" Vandeleur — played by Michael Caine in



the film *A Bridge Too Far*. In the following year Reid was mentioned in dispatches for "gallant and distinguished service" in the fighting for northwest Europe.

Percy Fergus Ivo Reid had been born in London, the son of Colonel "Billy" Reid who was one of those original cadets plucked out of Sandhurst by Field Marshal Lord Roberts when The Irish Guards were formed in 1901. Ivo went to school at Stowe, then to Pembroke College, Oxford, before joining his father's old regiment in 1933.

He served in Egypt and Palestine in the 1930s and then, following a year at Staff College after the war, found himself in Palestine again in the troubled 1940s. As commandant of the Guards depot at Caterham he took part in the 1953 Coronation and was appointed an OBE later that year. His final job in the Army was as "regimental lieutenant-colonel" — a full colonel's post unique to the Guards (and now defunct) which placed him in command of the whole regiment, above the battalion commanders. He retired in 1959.

Reid was then invited to join an old friend in business, importing French and Swedish glassware into this country. With this experience behind him, he went on to open a shop in High Street, Oxford, selling up-market porcelain and glass. He retired from this too in the 1970s after running it for 15 years.

He continued to play a role in British ceremonial life as a member of HM Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms between 1961 and 1981 — serving for his final two years as harbinger, one of the corps' four officers.

A tall, well-liked, easy-going man, he also entered the public life of Northamptonshire where he lived. He was High Sheriff, an appointment once held by his father, in 1967 and was made a deputy lieutenant two years later. He was also for many years a governor of St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton. Hunting and shooting were his principal recreations. A fine horseman, he rode frequently at point-to-points as a young man. Ivo Reid is survived by his wife Armida, to whom he was married for 54 years, their two sons and a daughter.

MAJOR-GENERAL JERZY MORAWICZ

Major-General Jerzy Morawicz, MBE, a soldier in the wartime Polish Army, died on November 21 aged 81. He was born on March 25, 1913.

JERZY MORAWICZ was one of the many tenacious Polish soldiers who, having fought in the Polish campaign of September 1939, made their way to fight in France and on the fall of France in 1940 arrived in England.

Initially engaged on fortifying Scottish beaches, in 1942 he was appointed to the staff of the C-in-C Polish Forces and served as a staff officer in the department which worked closely with SOE's Polish section. He underwent parachute training and was an instructor in sabotage to the specialists who were dropped into occupied Poland. He graduated from the Polish Army War College, which was based at the Black Barony Hotel, Eddleston, Perthshire. Subsequently he attended the British Army Staff College, Camberley.

In 1944 he was appointed Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General to the 1st Polish Independent Parachute Brigade Group. He was appointed MBE for his war services.

Jerzy Morawicz was born on his grandmother's estate, Krasne, in the county of Lublin, a region of Poland which was then, until the post First World War treaties altered the central European political map, a part of the Russian Empire. He passed through the Reserve Officers' School of Artillery and served out his national service in a



squadron of horse artillery. He graduated from the Military School of Engineering in 1934, returning there in 1938 as commanding officer of the school's officer cadet company.

When the Germans invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, he was soon in action against German tanks, and after the Soviet Union began its offensive on September 17 and Poland was caught between two fires, fought on the eastern front, too. He was captured by the Russians with five other officers of his battalion but they subsequently escaped, thus avoiding the fate of their brother officers who were all killed by Soviet soldiers at Katyn. In December 1939 he led a group of 14 officers in an attempt to get across the Romanian border, but they fell into German hands. However, he escaped yet again and the group eventually reached France in 1940.

After the war Morawicz settled in England with his family who managed to get out of that part of Poland which had been ceded to the Soviet Union. He worked as a civil engineer with various consulting firms, finally becoming a consulting engineer with the City of London Corporation.

He was a leading member of the Polish *émigré* establishment in the United Kingdom. He served at various times as president of the Polish Airborne Forces Association, of the Institution of Polish Engineers in the United Kingdom and of the the Polish Hearth club.

In 1985 he was appointed Minister for Military Affairs in the Polish Government in Exile. He was a member of the delegation of the President of Poland residing in London, entrusted with arranging, in 1990, the handover of the insignia of state of the Polish Republic to the newly democratically elected President, Lech Walesa.

After leaving Poland in 1939 he again set foot in the country in 1990. It was a deeply emotional experience. From 1990 up to the time of his illness he directed his energies towards ensuring that the Polish Armed Forces revert to the traditional Polish values embodied in the motto "God, Honour and the Fatherland".

His wife survives him together with a son and a daughter.

SIR KEITH JOSEPH (Obituary, Lord Joseph, December 12) entered Parliament for Leeds NE at a by-election in February 1956 and not at the general election of May 1955. He also inherited his father's baronetcy in 1944, not in 1943.

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NEW PRAYER BOOK.

REJECTION IN THE COMMONS.

WESTMINSTER, THURSDAY

The Prayer-book Measure, when it arrived in the House of Commons to-day, found itself in an entirely different atmosphere from that of the scene of its passage in the House of Lords, and the Bishops who thronged the Peers' Gallery must often have wished to revise not only the Prayer-book but the procedure of Parliament so that they might state their case in both Houses.

MR. BRIDGEMAN spoke as a devoted but inconspicuous Churchman, who had begun with an instinctive aversion to change but had been convinced that change was not merely wise but necessary. That, he submitted, was the view of the "man in the pew." Parliament had asked the Church to prepare a solution of ecclesiastical chaos. The Church now presented a carefully pondered compromise, representing concessions made by all its various sections. He was bound to believe this response was the voice of the Church, because it was the voice of a Church Assembly elected almost *ad hoc*. He refused to believe it was heretical, because the Ecclesiastical Committee and the Archbishop both said it was not. He must therefore disregard petitions framed on the assumption that it was.

He also believed that revision of the Prayer-book must precede disciplinary legislation, on the principle of finding heretics before erecting stakes at which to burn them. The best advocate of the Measure was the character of the opposition, composed of extremists and lawyers. It was better to recognize the realities of the modern world than to rhapsodize over rubrics, to follow big issues than pettifogging details. He could well understand those who hated the Church voting against the Measure, but not those who, though inexpert in theology, wished her well . . .

SIR WILLIAM JOYNSON-HICKS, who opened the attack on the Measure, had a subject admirably suited to him, upon which he obviously felt deeply, and upon one aspect of which he concentrated his whole argument. This was no less than a fundamental disagreement with the Episcopate as to both their views on the doctrinal issue and their power to enforce discipline. The only question to consider was not whether other doctrines were right or wrong, but whether they were the doctrines of the Church of England.

Romish practices had been tolerated for the last 20 years. The Bishops could not deal with them, so they proposed to surrender to them. How, after the passage of the Measure, could a Bishop who, like the Bishop of London, had filled his diocese with offenders, condemn where he had hitherto connived? Yet it was to those who had proved their impotence that Parliament was being asked to make over more power. They disguised their surrender by declaring that Reservation of the Sacrament would be sanctioned only under conditions which did not permit of adoration. Here was the crux of the whole matter. Reservation of any kind led straight to Reservation without reserve. Let those who believed in the Real Presence reserve and adore the Sacrament, but not within the Church of England. If the Bishops wished to check such practices, their weapon was the refusal of promotion to the recalcitrant. This would either cure or cleanse.

Finally, he begged every member to remember that he had no right to disfranchise his constituents, even if he himself was not a member of the Church of England. There must be a full vote of Parliament on so vital a matter. There must be Christian charity, whichever way the vote went . . .

ON THIS DAY

December 16 1927

The revision of the Prayer Book had begun in 1906. It had a stormy passage through Parliament — on one occasion the cry of "No Popery" rang out. Twice the Lords accepted the Measure, twice the Commons rejected it.

NEWS

Pensions pressure on Major

■ John Major is being urged by Cabinet colleagues to avoid another embarrassing parliamentary defeat by giving way to cross-party demands for the better treatment of 400,000 British pensioners living abroad.

The Government faces a substantial backbench rebellion early in the new year as MPs try to rectify what they call the massive injustice suffered by people whose pensions are not updated if they move outside the European Union.....**Page 1**

Yeltsin offers olive branch to Chechenia

■ President Yeltsin has offered an olive branch to the leader of the breakaway republic of Chechenia, by extending an ultimatum for the disarmament of Chechen fighters by 48 hours and proposing new peace talks to avert the threat of all-out war .....**Pages 1, 10**

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Granada television has been fined £500,000 by broadcasting regulators for blatantly plugging brand-name products.....**Page 1**

Blair's pay demand

Boardroom pay in the privatised utilities should be regulated, Tony Blair demanded as the Government was thrown onto the defensive by the contrast between a big rise for British Gas's chief executive and proposed wage cuts for showroom staff.....**Page 1**

New Irish PM

John Bruton, the leader of Ireland's Fine Gael party, has been elected Prime Minister, ending the political crisis which stalled the Ulster peace process...**Page 2**

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A bank clerk who made legal history when he was jailed for causing grievous bodily harm by making obscene telephone calls has had his conviction quashed because of an error by the trial judge.....**Page 3**

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A champion racehorse trainer is celebrating the return home of his daughter who was on a life support machine for seven days after a car crash .....**Page 5**

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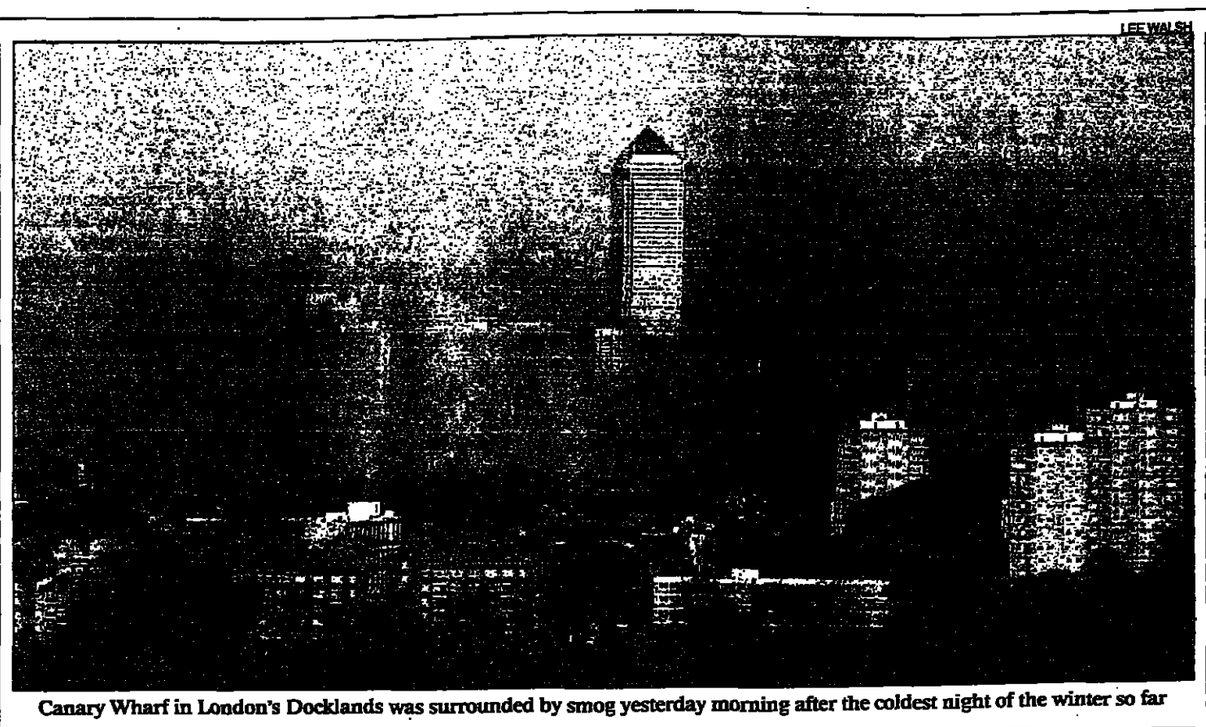
President Clinton won a small battle against irrelevance when America's major television networks finally agreed to broadcast his Oval Office address to the nation .....**Page 12**

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Muslim leaders are closer to imposing the kind of trade sanctions on countries supporting Serbia that for almost 40 years were invoked against Israel.....**Page 13**

Boy reared by family's dogs

■ A Hungarian boy aged four has been taken into protective custody after he was discovered being reared by dogs. The child, identified only as Berci, appears to have adopted canine rather than human behaviour characteristics after being deprived of love and attention by his parents, and turning to two pet dogs for warmth.....**Page 13**



LEE WALSH

Canary Wharf in London's Docklands was surrounded by smog yesterday morning after the coldest night of the winter so far

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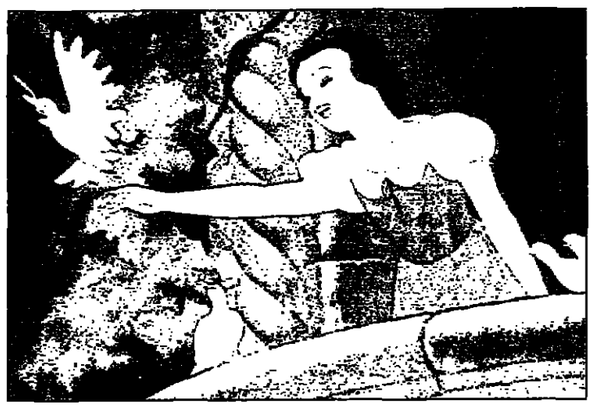
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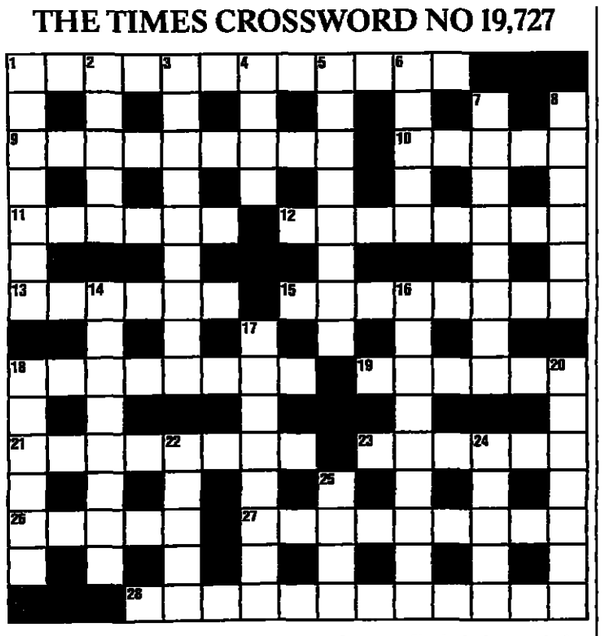
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1 Government department — one with a suggestion (7).
2 Consider moderate (5).
3 Beneficiary beginning to give up in supporting religious education (9).
4 Opposing royal followers abandon the battle (4).
5 Container vessel destined for the scrap heap (3-5).
6 Flyer said to make raids once(5).
7 Start to pontificate bossily, perhaps (8).
8 Bumble-bee catching naughty lad (6).
14 New direction taken after one's at the wheel (2,6).
16 Where artists can be seen to mount work on gold (5,4).
17 Dreadful sin, admitted in tantrum, upset 14 (8).
18 "God said, *Let — be!* and all was light" (Pope) (6).
20 An unemotional person in the main (7).
22 He has to confess hesitation (5).
24 Took a picture holding an animal in Africa (5).
25 A gust that is unpredictably destructive initially (4).

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 11C (52F), lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0C (32F), highest rainfall: Lowestoft, Suffolk, 0.16in, highest sunshine: Herne Bay, Kent, 5.8hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will start largely dry and clear, but over southeastern counties rain will linger for a short time. Otherwise it will be a dry, sunny day, with cloud thickening in western districts later. Rain will edge into western parts later in the evening.

Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a few showers at first, these dying out. Eastern Scotland will start dry, with sunny spells developing. Cloud will thicken from the west, with rain in western parts by evening. Windy but turning generally mild.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S, E England, E Anglia, E Midlands, Ch'l Is:** Any rain clearing, then fine sunny and dry. Cloudy later. Wind northwest becoming south. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **W Midlands, SW England, S Wales:** Dry and clear or sunny. Cloudy later with rain by evening. Wind light and variable, becoming southerly moderate. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **N Wales, NW, Central N, NE England, Lakes:** Sunny or clear periods with a few showers for a time snow flurries over highest ground. Wind westerly moderate backing southerly light. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **IoM, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland:** Showers dying out. Clear or sunny spells. Cloudy with rain later. Wind southwesterly moderate later southerly fresh locally strong. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Borders, E'burgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** Ground frost early then mainly dry with clear or sunny periods. Wind south to southwesterly moderate to fresh. Max 6C (43F)

☐ **Cent Highlands, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland:** Sunny or clear spells with showers, wintry over higher ground, these largely dying out but further rain later. Wind SW later S moderate to fresh, increasing strong locally gale. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Outlook:** After rain clears it will turn colder and windy with blustery showers.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	3.3	0.05	6	43	s	London	4.3	0.01	7	45	s
Anglesey	5.3	-	9	48	c	Lowestoft	-	0.21	11	52	r
Aspatria	-	-	1	34	c	Manchester	0.7	-	4	39	c
Aviemore	1.4	-	-2	36	b	Minehead	2.6	0.06	7	45	b
Belfast	4.0	-	5	41	s	Morecambe	0.1	-	3	37	du
Birmingham	3.5	0.05	7	45	s	Newcastle	2.6	-	4	39	s
Bognor R	0.6	-	13	55	c	Newquay	-	-	9	48	c
Bournem'th	-	-	13	55	c	Norwich	3.2	0.07	6	43	sh
Bristol	4.6	-	7	45	s	Nottingham	1.9	0.03	5	41	b
Buxton	1.4	-	-2	36	c	Oxford	4.3	-	6	43	s
Cardiff	4.9	0.02	6	43	s	Penzance	0.5	-	13	55	c
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	0.9	-	8	46	c
Colwyn Bay	4.1	-	8	46	s	Poole	X				
Cromer	-	0.31	9	48	r	Prestatyn	X	-	8	46	s
Doncaster	1.8	0.01	4	39	b	Ross-o-wye	2.8	0.03	6	43	s
Dunbar	X					Ryde	X				
Edinburgh	0.6	-	3	37	c	Salcombe	X				
Eskdalemuir	2.0	-	0	32	b	Sandown	0.9	-	13	55	c
Exmouth	1.0	-	13	55	c	Saunin Snd	3.2	-	9	48	s
Falmouth	X	-	13	55	c	Scarboro'	-	0.46	8	46	r
Fishguard	5.6	-	7	45	s	Scilly Isles	2.2	-	13	55	c
Folkestone	2.3	-	13	55	c	Shanklin	0.8	-	12	54	c
Glasgow	-	-	1	34	c	Shrewsbury	3.5	0.04	6	43	b
Guernsey	-	-	12	54	du	Skegness	-	0.07	9	48	r
Hastings	0.8	-	13	55	du	Southend	X				
Hayling I.	0.3	-	13	55	sh	Southport	2.1	-	3	37	s
Herne Bay	2.9	-	13	55	b	Southsea	0.7	-	13	55	c
Howe	0.2	-	13	55	du	Stornoway	-	-	7	45	c
Hunstanton	X					Swanage	0.6	-	13	55	c
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	1.1	-	13	55	c
Isle of Man	3.1	-	7	45	b	Tenby	2.7	0.02	7	45	c
Jersey	-	0.03	12	54	r	Tiree	-	0.02	7	45	gh
Kinloss	4.0	-	5	41	s	Torquay	0.5	-	14	57	c
Leeds	1.3	-	5	41	c	Tynemouth	X				
Lerwick	1.7	0.02	3	37	b	Ventnor	0.5	-	12	54	c
Louchars	4.1	-	4	39	s	West-s-mare	X				
Littlehmptn	0.8	-	13	55	c	Weymouth	-	-	12	54	c
Liverpool	2.2	-	5	41	b						

These are Wednesday's figures

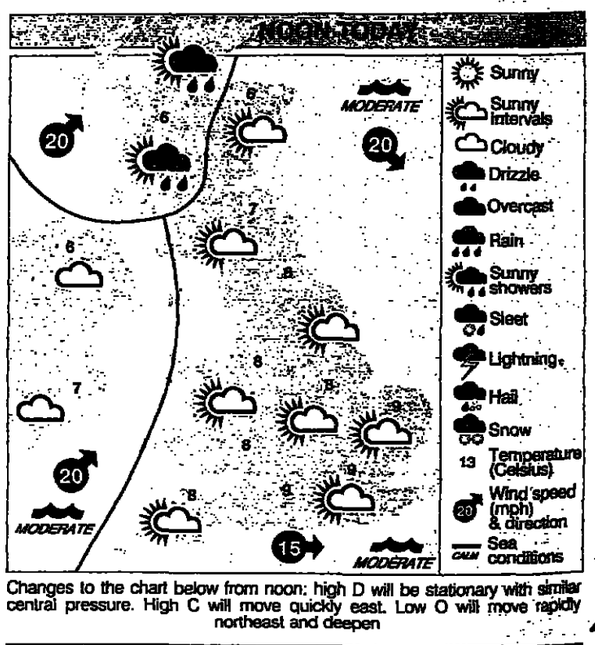
ABROAD

Ajaccio	18	64	s	Corfu	14	57	f	Majorca	15	59	c
Alcrotiri	17	63	f	Dublin	9	48	c	Malaga	19	66	s
Aler'dria	20	68	f	Dubrovnik	10	50	s	Malta	18	64	f
Algiers	17	63	c	Faro	17	63	f	Melb'rne	20	68	s
Amst'dm	3	37	c	Florence	9	48	s	Mexico C	20	68	s
Athens	12	54	c	Frankfurt	-1	30	c	Miami	21	70	c
Bahrain	21	70	s	Funchal	20	68	f	Milan	9	48	c
Bangkok	33	91	f	Geneva	4	39	c	Montreal	-9	18	f
Barcelona	12	54	c	Gibraltar	19	66	f	Moscow	-13	9	sn
Beirut	19	66	f	Helsinki	-1	30	c	Munich	0	32	f
Belgrade	2	36	c	Hong K	19	66	f	Nairobi	24	75	f
Berlin	2	36	s	Innsbruck	1	34	f	Naples	12	54	s
Bermuda	23	73		Istanbul	5	41	r	N Delhi	19	66	s
Biarritz	11	52	c	Jeddah	28	82	f	N York	4	39	c
Borde'x	13	55	s	Jo'burg	28	82	s	Nice	15	59	f
Brussels	3	37	f	Karachi				Oslo	-5	23	s
Budapst	3	37	s	L Palmas	22	72	f	Paris	9	43	s
B Aires	31	88	s	Le Toquet	7	45	f	Peking	-3	27	s
Cairo	20	68	s	Lisbon	16	61	c	Perth	36	97	s
Cape Tn	28	82	s	Locarno	7	45	c	Prague	1	34	c
Chicago	-2	28	c	L Angels	14	57	s	Reykjavik	1	34	sl
Ch'church	20	68	c	Luxembg	1	34	s	Rhodes	18	64	s
Cologne	0	32	f	Luxor	22	72	s	Rio de J	32	90	f
C'phagn	4	39	s	Madrid	7	46	c	Riyadh	22	72	c

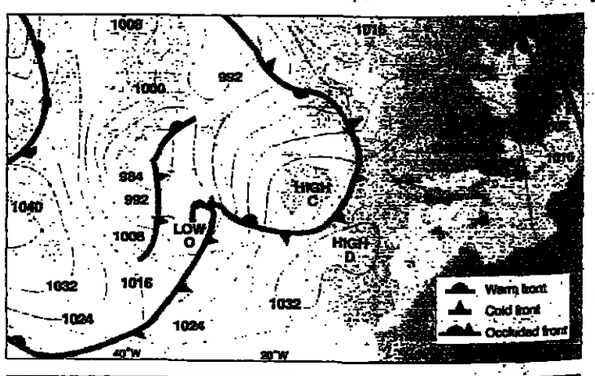
Majorca	15	59	c	Rome	13	55	s	Stockholm	1	34	c
Malaga	19	66	s	Salzburg	1	34	c	Sydney	20	68	c
Malta	18	64	f	S F'risco	9	48	r	Tangier	17	63	f
Melb'rne	20	68	s	Santiago	30	86	s	Tel Aviv	18	64	f
Mexico C	20	68	s	S Paulo	32	90	s	Tenerife	21	70	s
Miami	21	70	c	Seoul	-4	25	s	Tokyo	14	57	s
Milan	9	48	c	Sing'por	31	88	f	Toronto	-7	19	c
Montreal	-9	18	f	Stckholm	-3	27	s	Tunis	19	66	c
Moscow	-13	9	sn	Stresb'rg	1	34	c	Valencia	15	59	s
Munich	0	32	f	Sydney	20	68	c	Vancouver	3	37	c
Nairobi	24	75	f	Tangier	17	63	f	Venice	9	48	s
Naples	12	54	s	Tel Aviv	18	64	f	Vienna	2	36	c
N Delhi	19	66	s	Tenerife	21	70	s	Warsaw	1	34	h
N York	4	39	c	Tokyo	14	57	s	Wash'ton	7	45	c
Nice	15	59	f	Toronto	-7	19	c	Wel'ngton	17	63	c
Oslo	-5	23	s	Tunis	19	66	c	Zurich	1	34	c

Temperatures at midday local time X = not available

MOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: high D will be stationary with similar central pressure. High C will move quickly east. Low O will move rapidly northeast and deepen



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.20	6.5	12.41	6.6	Liverpool	10.01	8.7	10.19	8.7
Aberdeen	-	-	12.21	4.1	Lowestoft	8.06	2.4	8.28	2.5
Avonmouth	5.52	12.1	6.14	12.1	Margate	10.50	4.4	11.10	4.5
Belfast	9.50	3.3	10.11	3.1	Milford Haven	4.39	8.3	5.00	8.4
Cardiff	5.39	11.04	6.03	11.15	Newquay	3.54	6.3	4.12	6.3
Devonport	4.21	5.1	4.39	5.0	Oban	4.22	3.8	4.48	3.7
Dover	9.57	6.1	10.20	6.2	Penzance	3.23	5.2	3.39	5.1
Falmouth	3.51	4.9	4.09	4.8	Portland	5.10	1.9	5.31	1.7
Glasgow	11.50	4.7	-	-	Portsmouth	10.03	4.5	11.30	4.4
Harwich	10.34	3.7	10.58	3.8	Holyhead	9.15	5.2	9.28	5.1
Hull	5.04	6.65	5.28	6.80	Southampton	9.35	4.4	10.00	4.2
Ilfracombe	4.42	8.48	5.03	8.44	Swansea	5.02	8.7	5.24	8.7
King's Lynn	5.08	5.9	5.32	6.2	Tees	2.16	4.7	2.44	4.9
Leith	1.06	5.0	1.32	5.1	W'ton-on-Naze	10.27	4.0	10.51	4.0

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 8.00 am
Sun sets: 3.52 pm
Moon sets 6.15 am
Moon rises 3.09 pm

London 3.52 pm to 8.01 am
Bristol 4.02 pm to 8.11 am
Edinburgh 3.56 pm to 8.39 am
Manchester 3.50 pm to 8.20 am
Penzance 4.20 pm to 8.16 am

Full moon tomorrow

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Tom Hollander bares his pearly teeth as Macheath



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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — FRIDAY DECEMBER 16 1994

Warburg merger talks called off

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE planned merger of SG Warburg, the City's leading merchant bank, and Morgan Stanley, the US investment banking group, has been called off because the two failed to agree a value for Mercury Asset Management, Warburg's 75 per cent-owned fund manager.

MAM and its adviser, Lazard Brothers, are understood to have been seeking a premium of some 30 per cent, valuing MAM at £1.6 billion, and costing Morgan Stanley £400 million to buy out the minority shareholders.

That was rejected by Morgan Stanley, which had intended a common stock merger with little or no premium. The deal, under discussion since September, would have involved Morgan Stanley taking two thirds and Warburg one third of a new holding company, probably to have been based in New York.

The news sent Warburg shares tumbling 99p, to a 699p close, just higher than the 672p close on the night before the merger talks leaked into the market. MAM shares fell 67p to 678p, against 614p on the night before the anouncement. Despite speculation that Warburg, in announcing merger talks, had admitted that it could not achieve its global expansion plans on its own, Lord Cairns, chief executive of Warburg, said that the firm was "not open to offers". He added: "We saw this as a one-off opportunity. We do not see any other combination among people in our field that offers anything like this. " It would take Warburg "a long time to get to the same point as we would have done" by combining its strengths with those of Morgan Stanley, he said.

Lord Cairns and his management team are now under pressure to reassure the City that Warburg can either achieve its ambitions alone or come up with an alternative. Warburg is believed to have held talks with JP Morgan and Salomon Brothers about a year ago.

Advisers to the two sides said the dynamics of the discussions changed once the Stock Exchange forced Cazenove, Warburg's broker, to make the announcement, and according to one adviser, it "became more formal and harder to do a friendly deal".

Lord Cairns had raised the idea of a merger with John Mack, president of Morgan Stanley, over lunch at the end of September. The two had talked about the possibilities of sharing settlement, information technology and other infrastructure costs as they were both attempting to build their global businesses. They concluded that it was impossible to isolate such costs, and, instead, looked into the idea of a merger.

But MAM was seen by Morgan Stanley as the main attraction of the merger. Morgan Stanley was unwilling to pay a preferential rate to buy out MAM's minority holders.

The deal fell apart at noon yesterday. Morgan Stanley said that while talks on a market-for-market merger were proceeding, "the price and terms on which MAM indicated it would be willing to participate in the transaction were unacceptable to Morgan Stanley. For its part, Morgan Stanley was unwilling to proceed with a transaction excluding Mercury".

Advisers said that Morgan Stanley was not interested in talking to other firms.

Stephen Waters, Morgan Stanley's joint head of European operations and head of European investment banking, said: "The key thing for us was MAM. We are disappointed that the talks broke down. We are going to continue to grow our business in Europe." Morgan Stanley employs more than 2,300 in Europe, 2,000 of them in London. Its workforce has grown 23 per cent since the beginning of the year.

In a statement to the Stock Exchange, Warburg said the board of MAM understood the business case for the proposed merger, but believed an offer "on appropriate terms should be made for those shares in MAM not held by SG Warburg". This had not been possible, it said.

Lord Cairns said that a combination of both firms would have provided both with "an unparalleled competitive advantage. This was a bold initiative but by no means essential for further progress". He said Warburg was as strongly placed as ever to continue on its course in building a leading global investment bank.

The two sides had hoped to announce formal merger plans next Monday. They were still hammering out details on how the new management structure would work, and how to knit management and business cultures.

One observer speculated that Morgan Stanley found the scale of job cuts a merger would have entailed "too scary". Estimates put prospective job losses in London at 1,500.

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Morgan to work on National Grid

Morgan Stanley is to advise the British Government on selling off the National Grid, which is owned by the 12 regional electricity companies. They are expected to sell their shares next year. The Morgan appointment follows a competitive tender.

JAMES MORGAN



Empire building: the restaurant group directors, John Northcote, left, and Simon Granger, on the roof of the Shepherd's Bush theatre yesterday

Golden share in Northern to stay

BY ERIC REGULY

NORTHERN Electric has been told that it will stay predator-proof until at least March 31, when the Government's "golden share" expires.

The announcement by Tim Eggar, Industry Minister, gives Northern, which may face a hostile bid from Trafalgar House, more time to plan a defence.

However, Trafalgar is free to bid soon because the golden share would be used to block a takeover only at the end of a bid, 60 days after the posting of the offer. This would let Trafalgar launch an offer, post its documents at the beginning of February and go unconditional at the start of April.

There had been speculation that ministers might waive the golden share if Trafalgar made a bid because its expiry is so close. Until it lapses, no investor can buy more than 15 per cent of any of the 12 regional electricity companies. Mr Eggar said: "I do not believe it would be appropriate to change the timetable."

Northern, relieved that the Government would continue to enforce its right to block a takeover, said that it is not seeking a white knight in expectation of a Trafalgar bid, and analysts said it seemed unlikely that one would emerge. "Why would someone pay £10 a share for Northern when he can get another electricity company for much less?" one said.

Northern has requested a Stock Exchange enquiry into its share-price rise before Trafalgar's announcement.

☐ Marketing of the Government's remaining £4 billion stake in National Power and PowerGen will be by financial advisers competing in syndicates to market the shares around the world.

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Retail sales fail to pick up

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

RETAIL sales were flat for the second successive month in November, casting a pall over the prospects of a good Christmas for retailers.

Government figures showed that sales volumes last month, the traditional start of the seasonal shopping surge, were unchanged from October. The tiny 0.1 per cent increase initially reported for October was revised away to zero.

Treasury officials sought to highlight the 3 per cent growth year-on-year in retail sales over the latest three months, but the November figures were much weaker than the City expected.

The rising trend in sales has clearly slowed. The year-on-year increase in the latest three months compared with a 3.4 per cent annual increase in the previous three months. The annual growth rate in November was 2.5 per cent, down from 3 per cent in October.

The Retail Consortium said modest year-on-year growth was maintained, and that retail sales in value terms were slightly higher. "Consumers have adopted a cautious and demanding approach, researching carefully and seeking the best value, keeping retail inflation at a very low level and margins under pressure," the consortium said.

According to the British Chambers of Commerce, Budget tax increases and higher interest rates were to blame for flat sales.

The Government hopes that flat retail sales will help keep inflation in check, possibly easing the pressure for further base rate increases.

Some City economists saw the retail sales picture as the possible precursor to a price war, as retailers seek to secure as big a share as possible of the crucial seasonal trade.

Speculation that the National Lottery might be dampening consumers' enthusiasm for shopping were largely dismissed by analysts, who saw it as more likely to affect savings than spending.

Michael Saunders, economist at Salomon Brothers, said the seasonally adjusted value of retail sales rose 0.2 per cent in November, slowing year-on-year growth to 3.4 per cent from 3.5 per cent in October.

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Break for the Border buys ex-TV theatre

BREAK for the Border Group, the fast growing live-music restaurant operator, is expanding its operations with the acquisition of the Shepherd's Bush Empire in west London for an initial £900,000 in cash and shares (Philip Pangalos writes).

The company plans to fund the purchase of the London concert venue, which has a capacity of 2,000 and was formerly the BBC Television Theatre, through the issue of £3 million worth of preference shares. The balance of the funds being raised will be used to provide additional working capital for more acquisitions. Robert Gunlack, the group's chairman, said the acquisition is expected to be earnings enhancing. The shares added 1p to 52p.

BUSINESS TODAY

UK MARKETS		
FT-SE 100	2973.4	(-7.2)
Yield	4.33%	
FT-SE A All share	1479.60	(-1.59)
Nikkei	19121.12	(+189.63)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3767.82	(+21.53)*
S&P Composite	456.47	(+1.50)*
US RATES		
Federal Funds	5¾%	(5¾%)
Long Bond	95²⁹/₃₂*	(95⅞)
Yield	7.87%*	(7.87%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth interbank	6¹¹/₁₆%	(6⅝%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	102⅝	(102⅛)
STERLING		
New York: $	1.5640*	(1.5623)
London: $	1.5625	(1.5615)
DM	2.4536	(2.4527)
FFr	8.4610	(8.4535)
SFr	2.0720	(2.0700)
Yen	156.63	(156.61)
£ Index	80.3	(80.3)
DOLLAR		
London: DM	1.5702*	(1.5690)
FFr	5.4150*	(5.4100)
SFr	1.3260*	(1.3270)
Yen	100.23*	(100.30)
$ Index	63.4	(63.4)

Tokyo close Yen 100.26

NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Feb)	$15.85	($15.95)
GOLD		
London close	$379.75	($379.05)

* denotes midday trading price

Fears easing

Business fears of interest rate rises early in the new year will be eased slightly today by tentative signs of a let-up in inflationary pressures in manufacturing. The latest monthly industrial trends survey from the CBI suggests a levelling of expectations of price increases.
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Open all hours

Asda is to open Britain's first 24-hour supermarket next week as the battle for Christmas trade between the major food retailers intensifies.
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Maurice Saatchi fights for survival

BY MELVYN MARCKUS, CITY EDITOR

THE future of Maurice Saatchi, chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi, hangs in the balance ahead of today's 2.30 pm board meeting which will consider a series of proposals put forward by a group of dissident US shareholders.

David Herro, a fund manager at Harris Associates of Chicago, has proposed that Mr Saatchi should quit the chairmanship of the advertising combine he founded and accept relegation to the chair of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising, the operating offshoot.

Mr Herro also wants Saatchi & Saatchi to change its name and strongly opposes the company's share option blueprint under which Mr Saatchi could receive a £5 million profit.

Saatchi's four executive directors are outnumbered by seven non-executives, but the former's views on Mr Saatchi's future will be crucial, particularly those of Charles Scott, chief executive of the holding company. Mr Scott is perceived, by some, to be waging a camouflaged power play against Mr Saatchi but this is categorically denied by advisers who argue that Mr Scott fully acknowledges Mr Saatchi's role and may well resist being railroaded into any precipitate boardroom action by a Chicago fund manager.

Mr Herro, having originally trained his guns on Saatchi's share option scheme, has now focused on Mr Saatchi's removal. Mr Saatchi is opposed to a change in the holding company's name, while ultimate responsibility for the option controversy is seen to lie with Sir Peter Walters, head of the company's remuneration committee. Mr Herro claims to speak for 40 per cent of Saatchi's equity.

In the City, concern focuses on Mr Saatchi's personal identification with key accounts such as British Airways and Mars.

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Trafalgar rules out cash call to fund bid

BY NEIL BENNETT, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR



Rich: cash flow needed

THE new chief executive of Trafalgar House, the engineering and construction group which on Wednesday said it was considering a bid for Northern Electric, yesterday promised it would not finance such a deal with a rights issue.

Nigel Rich, chief executive, did not however rule out a cash injection from Hongkong Land, Trafalgar's leading shareholder and an offshoot of Jardine Matheson, the Hong Kong trading group, to help fund an acquisition which may cost up to £1.3 billion. Hongkong Land is expected to underwrite at least part of any offer Trafalgar may make for Northern, by increasing its stake.

Mr Rich made his pledge as Trafalgar reported its results for the year to September 30, which reveal how badly the group needs Northern to boost its profits. Although the group returned a pre-tax profit of £45.6 million (£347 million loss) on a turnover of £3.76 billion, due largely to a fall in provisions, operating profits before exceptionals rose only 4 per cent to £80.1 million. Earnings per share recovered to 1.1p (47.6p loss), and there is a 1p dividend.

Mr Rich admitted that the group's return on its assets was still inadequate and said it would benefit from owning a business with higher cash flow. "There is a heavy requirement for front-end investment but until the engineering and construction businesses are operating in stronger markets we are not going to generate enough profit to have a high cash flow," he said.

Once again, Trafalgar's figures were dominated by a series of exceptional provisions. There was a write-back of £10.3 million from last year's property provisions, but this was offset by a £15 million environmental clean-up provision, and £24.4 million for rationalisation of the engineering division.

Engineering was the worst performer in the group, suffering a 35 per cent fall in profits to £6.7 million due to a squeeze on margins. The most profitable business was the Ideal Homes housebuilder, which contributed £24.3 million.

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CHRIS HARRIS



Out of the red: young Russian business trainees, visiting Britain under the Chancellor's Scheme, met Kenneth Clarke at the Treasury yesterday

CBI survey suggests some hope on inflation

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS fears that interest rates will rise further early in the new year will be eased slightly today by tentative signs of a let-up in inflationary pressures in manufacturing industry.

Ministers will welcome the findings of the latest monthly industrial trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry, published today, which suggests a levelling off of manufacturers' expectations of price increases.

Both the Treasury and the Bank of England closely watch the CBI's and other *indicators of rising price expectations* as a key guide to the future path of retail price inflation, and increasing CBI figures have been seen in the City as central to the half-point rises in interest rates in September and last week.

While business leaders accept that interest rates are likely to drift up further next year, they are concerned that rate rises are not unnecessarily fuelled by companies' expectations of price increases which may not be borne out in practice, since companies are finding it difficult to make planned price rises stick in highly competitive markets.

The CBI's December survey of more than 1,200 manufacturers, together responsible for half Britain's manufacturing exports and employment, shows the balance of companies believing prices will rise — those reporting an increase set against those registering a fall — is, at 22 per cent, the same as in November.

The level was considerably *less than some City forecasters* had feared. Some estimates suggested the balance could be as high as 30 per cent, but CBI leaders point out that although raw materials prices are increasing, the rise is not uniform, with many sectors not yet feeling any inflationary pressure from higher imput prices.

Sudhir Junankar, CBI associate economic analysis director, said: "Encouragingly, the pick-up in manufacturers' output price expectations, which has partly reflected the pressure from higher costs of imported raw materials, has levelled off in this survey."

But he was careful to emphasise caution in over-interpreting the figures as conclusive evidence of an easing of inflationary pressures — a caution reinforced by detailed figures in the survey, which show that although there is no change in the price balance, which is usually seen as the best guide to the general trend, the number of *companies forecasting a rise in* prices is actually up.

In November 30 per cent of companies surveyed said they intended to increase prices, while for last month the figure is up to 33 per cent. The balance has been maintained by a parallel increase in the number saying prices will fall, and a decline in the proportion saying they will stay the same.

The hesitant signs of an easing of price pressures comes despite the strongest improvement in order books recorded by the survey for nearly six years. Total orders rose to their best level since January 1989 with a balance of 8 per cent of companies saying business was above normal, compared with 5 per cent in November, and 19 per cent in December last year.

Export orders are also still better than normal, though the balance of 7 per cent is down marginally on November's figure of 10 per cent. Companies still consider stocks to be more than *adequate to meet total demand*.

Output is expected to increase markedly over the coming four months and at a quicker pace than indicated in November, with a balance of 27 per cent forecasting a rise compared with 21 per cent last month and 9 per cent last year.

The CBI says: "These results show that the manufacturing recovery is likely to continue at a smart pace into the new year."

Profits edge up by 1% at Siemens

NET profits at Siemens, Europe's biggest electrical and electronics group, rose just 1 per cent to DM1.99 billion in the year to September, aided by a DM344 million surplus from the sale of its pacemaker operations (Colin Narbrough writes from Munich). Heinrich von Pierer, management board chairman, said Siemens had targeted a 20 per cent rise in net profits to DM2 billion this year, excluding extraordinaries. Last year was "unsatisfactory", with a 17 per cent drop in group earnings from continuing operations to DM1.65 billion. He is, however, recommending an unchanged *dividend of DM13*.

Karl-Hermann Baumann, finance director, warned in January that profits for 1993-1994 would fall up to 15 per cent as financial earnings deteriorated and recession bit.

Herr von Pierer has pledged to raise the return on shareholders' equity to 15 per cent in coming years from 9.4 per cent last year.

Names may be offered payout from central fund

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD'S of London plans to make a substantial contribution to any new settlement offer to loss-making names, according to Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group.

Lloyd's offered £400 million towards the last settlement offer of £900 million, which foundered in February because names thought they had a *better chance of receiving* more from the courts.

At the action group's annual meeting yesterday, Mr Deeny said: "Lloyd's is willing to put in a very substantial contribution from the central fund to a *settlement." The contribution* could run to several hundred million pounds without having any negative effect on Lloyd's solvency as long as the settlement proceeds are used to meet names' debts to *Lloyd's, he added*.

About 500 names attended the meeting to hear Mr Deeny's views on the new initiative. He told them he was aware many members would prefer cash in their hand to a *credit against their losses but* that they must consider the value of any offer in relation to all their legal actions.

He said an offer to the action group must be more than the names expect to receive from the courts. Litigating Gooda Walker names are estimated to have won damages of £500 million in the High Court earlier this year.

Mr Deeny said any acceptable settlement offer must include a cap on names' losses — the lack of a cap was one of the main reasons the last offer foundered. He said Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, recognised the importance of a cap and "he will do his upmost to deliver a cap, but that is no easy task".

A cap may be achieved through Equitas, the reinsurance company being set up to take over 1985 and prior year *insurance policies. Mr Deeny* said Equitas looks viable and that indications were that the combined reserves of all the syndicates were such that "Equitas could be launched without a massive further cash call on the names. I certainly believe that Lloyd's knows very well that any attempt to extract several billion more pounds from names to finance Equitas is quite impossible."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

ICI confirms deal with Union Carbide

ICI, the chemicals group, has confirmed that it is selling its ethylene oxide and ethylene glycol plants at Wilton, on Teesside, to Union Carbide in an innovative deal that will enable Union to press ahead with a major expansion of the two plants. Under the deal, reported in *The Times* yesterday, ICI agrees to buy 45 per cent of Union's ethylene oxide output to feed its nearby surfactants and lubricants plants. The company will also provide 45 per cent of the investment needed to expand the output of the ethylene oxide plants by a quarter, to 300,000 tonnes a year, within two years.

ICI said yesterday that the value of the deal is an estimated 1 per cent of the group's net asset value, or about £40 million. The deal should be completed by the end of March and produce a small exceptional profit for ICI. Union also plans to expand the output of the ethylene glycol plant from 85,000 to 200,000 tonnes per year. Demand for ethylene glycol, which is used in anti-freeze and in the manufacture of polyester film, is rising strongly in the current economic recovery. Union will continue to buy raw ethylene from ICI's large cracker at Wilton.

Motor merger talks

CHARLES Sidney, the Yorkshire-based Mercedes-Benz commercial vehicle and cars dealer, said it is in merger talks with Bletchley Motor Group, the Buckinghamshire-based multi-franchise dealer. Bletchley's franchises include Rover, Honda and Ford. The companies said that any merger would take the form of an all-share bid by Charles Sidney, but emphasised that the terms were unlikely to value either company at a premium to Wednesday's closing share prices.

Lovell rebuilds profits

YJ Lovell, the construction company forced into a financial restructuring after losing almost £60 million in 1993, returned to profit in the year to September 30 and is paying its first dividend in three years. The company yesterday reported profits of £4.2 million before tax on turnover of £250.6 million, rising from a restated £227.4 million. Earnings were 9.4p a share, compared with restated losses of 712.3p, from which a 1p dividend will be paid.

Healthy result at Kunick

KUNICK, the leisure to healthcare group, is restoring the dividend after nearly doubling pre-tax profits to £8.98 million (£4.84 million) in the 53 weeks to September 30. There was a £1.9 million exceptional gain on the flotation in March of Goldsborough Healthcare. Group turnover from continuing operations rose to £95.2 million (£93.7 million). A final dividend of 0.5p (nil), is payable on March 13, from earnings of 1.59p (0.02p) and headline earnings of 0.82p (0.13p) a share.

Dobson Park cash call

DOBSON Park Industries, the industrial holding company, is raising £17.7 million through a rights issue to fund the acquisition of the outstanding 41.1 per cent shareholding of *Longwall International, its mining equipment associate*. The company also announced a rise in pre-tax profits to £10.5 million (£4.2 million) in the year to October 1. Earnings rise to 5.45p (4.65p) a share. The final dividend is held at 2.55p, payable on February 27, leaving the total unchanged at 3.75p.

Equity Consort approach

EQUITY Consort Investment Trust, where Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, was appointed a director earlier this week, has received an approach that may lead to an offer. As a result, the £40 million UK equity income trust, has deferred reorganisation proposals. ECIT's net asset value fell to 684p a share, from 725p, in the half year to October 31. The interim dividend remains 11.0625p per ordinary share and 13.125p per deferred share. Pre-tax revenue rose to £913,410 from £888,454.

Electra value increases

NET asset value at Electra Investment Trust, the UK's second-largest venture capital trust, was 11.4 per cent up at the end of the year to September 30, at 380.24p per share, far exceeding the 0.3 per cent rise in the FT All-Share index. Pre-tax profits for the period rose slightly, to £14.66 million, against £14.09 million. The year's dividend rises to 7.25p, from 7p, via a final 3.7p, due on February 20. Net assets at the year end were up to £658 million, from £591 million.

GWR in 241% surge

GWR GROUP, the commercial radio group, tuned into a 241 per cent surge in pre-tax profits to £3.11 million in the year to September 30. Turnover, boosted by acquisition, advanced 122 per cent to £21.7 million. The total dividend is 13p (9p), with an improved final payout of 7.5p (5p).

☐ Allied Radio, which operates licences for Radio Mercury and Mercury Extra, trimmed pre-tax losses to £895,000 in the year to September 30 (£1.45 million deficit). There is no dividend.

Wellcome plc

Annual General Meeting – Poll Result

At the Annual General Meeting of Wellcome plc held on 15 December 1994 the Chairman of the Meeting called for a poll on the Resolution authorising the directors to allot equity securities for cash, which appeared not to have the requisite support at the Meeting on a vote by a show of hands.

Coopers & Lybrand, who acted as scrutineers, have advised the Company that voting on this Resolution on a poll vote was as follows:

	No of Shares	Per cent
Votes in favour	556,649,493	99.37
Votes against	3,524,148	0.63

The Resolution, which was a Special Resolution requiring a 75% majority, was accordingly carried on a poll vote by an overwhelming majority.

The Resolutions proposed at the Annual General Meeting concerning the re-election of directors and re-appointment of auditors were all carried on a show of hands.

South Western Electricity spurns the urge to merge

BY ERIC REGULY

SOUTH Western Electricity has no urge to merge and hopes that benefits of its cost-cutting programme will keep shareholders loyal, John Seed, chief executive, said yesterday.

"As far as Sweb is concerned, we intend to remain independent because we think that's best for shareholders," he said. "We are not in merger talks with anybody."

Mr Seed's comments came the day after Trafalgar House confirmed that it may bid for Northern Electric. Analysts said that Trafalgar's move could trigger a wave of takeovers among the 12 regional electricity companies.

Not every member of the industry insists on guarding its independence. Earlier this week, Southern Electric said that it is willing to merge or buy another electricity company, but it wants to avoid a hostile takeover because that would involve paying a premium.

South Western's call for independence came as it reported a pre-tax profit of £41.4 million in the half year to September 30, up from £30.6 million in the previous period. Last year's figure included an exceptional charge of £4 million to cover the cost of reducing the size of its applicance-servicing division.



John Seed saw Sweb lift profits by £11 million to £41 million

Operating profit grew by 12 per cent, to £37.1 million, while group turnover fell by 3 per cent, to £374.1 million, largely because of contraction on the electricity supply side.

The interim dividend, due on February 2, is up by 24.3 per cent, to 8.7p, from 7p. The rise is 18.6 per cent after discounting the company's buy-back of 5 per cent of its shares for £46.7 million. Another 5 per cent buy-back is scheduled before the end of March.

Mr Seed said that the company is on target to take 10 per cent, or £27 million, out of its controllable cost base by March 1995. Job reductions are major part of the effort. South Western's core electricity business will employ about 2,900 at year-end, down 260 over the past 12 months. It expects to have 2,400 workers on the electricity side at the end of the decade.

UK hails Euro court win on pay

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN yesterday welcomed a European Court decision, which it said enhanced the job prospects of part-time workers throughout the European Union. The ruling is a decisive rejection of European Commission advice on part-time work, and backs the case argued by the UK in court.

The ruling means that employers of part-time workers throughout Europe will not have to pay them premium rates when they work overtime. Government officials say that the ruling increases part-timers' work prospects.

The European Court of Justice ruled that German public authorities were not obliged to pay six female part-timers overtime pay at the same increased rate as full-timers until they had worked more than the standard full-time hours for the week.

In the case, brought with Commission support, the six said they had been been unfairly discriminated against in being paid only their normal hourly rate for overtime because most full-time workers were men. They alleged a breach of EU law.

The part-timers' contract was deemed fair because they earned the same basic hourly rate as male full-timers.

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Woman aboard at Yorkshire

BY ERIC REGULY

YORKSHIRE Water, the regional water utility that opposed the appointment of Diana Scott, the consumer champion, to its board, yesterday said a businesswoman had agreed to become a non-executive director.

Patricia Marsh, 48, the founder of Ace Coin Equipment, a maker of interactive electronic machines, joins the board immediately and will receive a £15,000 salary. She becomes the company's first *female director*.

Trevor Newton, deputy chairman, said Mrs Marsh was chosen because she is a 20-year veteran of the business world. "We have always said a member of the Plc board should have broad business experience," he said.

Mrs Scott, a former official of water regulator Ofwat, had strong support from small investors and some institutions in her bid to become a director. In her campaign, she pledged "to look after shareholders" and said that executive pay was too high.

Her effort collapsed in September when Sir Gordon Jones, Yorkshire's chairman, used millions of proxy votes to reject her.



Marsh: "broad experience"

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☐ Pressure is making British Gas look silly ☐ No going back for war-weary Warburg ☐ Northern's golden fig leaf

Evolutionary failures

☐ IAN POWE, Director of the Gas Consumers Council, speaks sense in an industry increasingly replete with nonsense. "It's extraordinary", he said yesterday, "that in the space of just a few weeks, so many classic public relations failures should have occurred in this great company, which over eight years established a fine reputation for looking after its people and looking after its customers." Attempts to cut pay for British Gas showroom staff "are going to demoralise their own people and this must lead to bad customer relations".

Quite so. As Mr Powe knows, however, British Gas is not the paternalistic monopoly built up by Sir Denis Rooke, privatised, and made more sensitive under Robert Evans. It is a new company, evolving at confusing speed, mutated by the Government and the Office of Gas Supply. No wonder there are loose ends. Even the Monopolies Commission reckoned British Gas needed time to divorce pipelines from supply before it coped with residential competition. But ministers saw no reason for delay; so another throttle-burst of change and accelerated evolution was forced on the corporation.

Evolution supposedly operates via chance variation and natural selection. In other words, it throws up lots of mistakes that are eventually weeded out. That is evidently happening at British Gas. In its haste to change itself into a new corporation modelled on some theoretical competitive multinational, it is making itself look high-handed, hypocritical and silly. The public acquiesced in destroying the old British Gas but still expects it to abide by old world, public service standards. In many ways, it still does, but there are exceptions.

Richard Giordano once made headlines as Britain's top-paid boss, when imported to rejuvenate BOC, then also a former monopoly in transition. When he was brought in to chair British Gas and "modernise" its culture, it was not surprising that he brought "modern" board remuneration: huge pay rises to fit his own package and to accommodate senior outsiders who know the world beckoning British Gas.

The contrasting affair of showroom pay is another case of adapting too fast and with too little thought. In the new British Gas, there can be no cross-subsidies (except when imposed by Ofgas). Each operation has to justify its existence as a profit centre. Merely promoting gas and offering service are not enough. Much of the showroom network has been axed, along with employees. The remaining core must fight an uphill struggle as a retailer with a highly restricted product range. It is but a small step to the nonsense of asking little people for big pay cuts and shorter holidays.

Something has indeed gone badly wrong at British Gas. But ministers and regulators are as responsible as struggling managers. As Sir Denis Rooke once said of privatisation: "I am just the chap it is being done to."

Anguish for a jilted suitor

☐ FAILURE can occasionally be a welcome relief. Indefinite postponement of the global investment banking revolution will surely bring Morgan Stanley's European cohorts and Warburg's employees in America a happier Christmas and New Year. The City should be relieved, too, that the finest offspring of Big Bang



will not just become at-risk to another American parent.

The manner of Morgan Stanley's withdrawal shows how ill-considered this perfect marriage would have been. For Warburg, it was the leap into the global big-time, so vital that it was prepared to submerge itself as minority partner. For Morgan Stanley, it was just an instant alternative to existing European expansion plans, for which it had already hired a strategist and rented vast empty spaces. By far the main attraction of the Warburg option was Mercury Asset Management. Unlike the rest of Warburg, it is much bigger than the Morgan Stanley equivalent. It is also different and likes its independence. If the deal truly failed on MAM's demand for a takeover offer to minority shareholders — costing perhaps £400 million — then the Americans' commitment was embarrassingly slight. Indeed, the other attraction of Warburg was evidently that it came cheap, without a buyer's premium.

Morgan Stanley can simply return to square one; Warburg cannot. The group's carefully built credibility, which sold the concept to a sceptical world, has been holed at the water line. The top managers who created the merger strategy, and hawked it round a couple of others before Morgan bit, now look fools.

Only they, it seems, saw a merger where others spied a takeover, reflected in relative share price movements. And they seem to have given scant regard for MAM, which accounts for over half the group's value. Warburg may not be "in play". But to regain momentum, either Warburg must arrange an alternative deal or it must give power to those directors who really believe in an independent expansion strategy. Sir David Scholey, the architect of today's Warburg, noticeably stood back from the merger plan linked with Lord Cairns and Nicholas Verey. He will now play a crucial role.

Trafalgar squares up

☐ NOT all bids that are flushed out prematurely by leaks are necessarily doomed to failure. Trafalgar House determination to pursue an offer for Northern Electric seems undimmed by its untimely statement of yesterday, nor by the Government's ineffectual smokescreen about Northern's golden share.

The inevitable time lag in any bid means that Trafalgar can launch a bid in the coming days or weeks and then declare it unconditional in early April, just as the golden share evaporates.

All that remains is for Trafalgar to decide on the details of the offer with which it will tempt Northern's already replete shareholders. In this it gave away two important clues yesterday. There will be no rights issue, and it will not gear its balance sheet up, having worked hard to free itself from debt in the past three years. No surprises there. Trafalgar's shareholders are sick of the sight of rights issues and are unlikely to back another. The only difficulty that remains is for Hongkong Land to channel its considerable funds into Trafalgar to pay for Northern. To do this, it must ensure it receives a decent return but does not increase its stake beyond 29.9 per cent.

Hongkong Land will inevitably underwrite some element of the offer to Northern's investors, but Trafalgar's main offer will have to be cash, since its paper would be shunned by pampered utility investors. That suggests that Hongkong Land will need to invest in some novel form of paper that exists in the shadowy world between equity and debt.

Yesterday's figures from Trafalgar show why it is making all this effort. The returns from its existing business are meagre and little improvement is in sight. An operating margin of only 2 per cent on a turnover of £3.8 billion is not something to be proud of. While Trafalgar's balance sheet has been repaired, the group is still leaking cash and the heavy investment in Cunard will take time to bear fruit. Having pumped so much of its resources into Trafalgar, Hongkong Land cannot afford for it to continue being such a lame duck.

Asda makes first move towards 24-hour shopping

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

ASDA is to open Britain's first 24-hour supermarket as the battle for Christmas trade between the major food retailers intensifies.

The group's store in Clapham, south London, will open round the clock on December 22 and 23, taking advantage of a recent change in the law which allows 24-hour trading. The practice is common among the leading supermarket chains in the US but it is the first time it has been tried in Britain.

Archie Norman, chief executive, said the move was a limited experiment which, if successful, may be repeated in other town centre stores. "I am not saying this is the way the industry is going," he added.

The Christmas trading period is crucial for Asda, which sells a wide range of home, leisure and clothing products as well as groceries. Mr Norman said price competition in the industry had intensified in recent months and he predicted the lowest-margin Christmas on record.

His remarks came as Asda reported a 47 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £108.8 million (£70 million) for the 28 weeks to November 12, well ahead of City expectations which ranged from £95 million to £107 million.

Excluding losses from Allied Maples, the furniture and carpet business sold last year, underlying profits rose 17 per cent. Like-for-like sales rose 7 per cent, significantly faster than its main competitors. Mr Norman said the improvement had been driven by a big increase in customer numbers. More than five million customers now shop at an Asda store each week, the highest level in the group's history and an increase of 8 per cent on last year.

Mr Norman said the results demonstrated the resurgence of the chain, which is just over two years into a three-year recovery programme. However, there was considerable scope for further improvement. "We still have a lot to do," he said.

Mr Norman repeated his bearish view on the outlook for Britain's food retailers, saying the industry was now in a watershed era that would result in lower profit growth. He said price deflation remained a problem and predicted continuing margin pressure. His remarks contradicted those made by some of his bigger rivals, who in recent months have sought to paint a rosier picture of prospects.

Mr Norman said Asda's growth would be fuelled by delivering better performance from its existing space rather than opening new stores. "We are cautious investors in this market," he said.

Only two new stores were opened in the first half, but some 31 existing outlets were upgraded, including five major renewals. A similar programme is planned for the second half. "It will be the slowest new store investment programme in the industry," Mr Norman said.

The seven Dales stores, Asda's discount format, increased profits, but difficulty in obtaining planning permission for new sites is limiting further expansion.

The interim dividend is lifted to 0.61p from 0.55p and will be paid on April 5.

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JOHN McLENNAN



Tim Bridge celebrates Greene King's profit advance, which was boosted by a stake sale

Fine days boost Greene King

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

FINE summer weather and strong retail-trade growth helped Greene King, the East Anglian brewing and pubs group, to lift first-half profits by 12 per cent despite a rise in drink duty and a flood of bootleg beer from the Continent.

Pre-tax profits in the half to October 30 rose to £10.7 million (£9.5 million) on turnover 6 per cent up, at £77.5 million.

Tim Bridge, chief executive, is optimistic on prospects in spite of cross-Channel "booze cruises" and the "extremely bad news" of the Chancellor's decision to raise duty on beer, wine and spirits. Mr Bridge said that the group may absorb some of the extra duty in its managed houses at retail level, but increases elsewhere will be passed on.

Simon Redman, chairman, who is to stand down early next year, said that the second half had started well.

Profits were boosted by a £763,000 exceptional gain, mainly from selling the group's 29 per cent in Morland, its fellow regional brewer. The sale helped to cut gearing to 28 per cent (43 per cent).

The interim dividend, due on February 3, rises by 6 per cent, to 4.1p (3.85p), from earnings per share up by 18 per cent, to 19p (16.1p).

Surge in sales of trusts lifts M&G

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

A LEAP in unit trust sales saw a record level of cash from investors flow into M&G, the investment fund manager, in the year to September 30.

M&G made pre-tax profits of £61 million, up 20 per cent, on the back of substantial increases in new business sales. Unit trust sales grew 117 per cent, to £899 million, and sales of life and pension policies rose 72 per cent to £336 million. David Morgan, managing director, said: "M&G has had another successful and encouraging year. The combination of higher average stock markets and substantial volumes of new business has significantly enhanced earnings per share."

Total funds under management rose 11.7 per cent to £11.8 billion and the net asset value per share rose 10 per cent to 216.3p. The final dividend was lifted 2p to 17p, making a total for the year of 30p (25p). Earnings per share rose 20 per cent to 57.5p. The shares rose 3p to 940p. Operating profits from unit and investment trusts rose 24 per cent to £36.8 million, while profits from institutional clients fell to £1.6 million (£2.1 million).

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Daily Mail Trust up by 43%

BY NEIL BENNETT

A SHARP recovery in advertising volumes in national and local newspapers helped The Daily Mail & General Trust to increase profits by 43 per cent to £92.1 million in the year to September 30.

Profits were inflated by a one-off £15.8 million gain from the dilution of the group's controlling stake in Euromoney Publications. This helped to offset a loss of £16.1 million from Whittle Communications, The Mail's troubled US specialist television company. Group turnover rose 14 per cent to £778 million, while the final dividend is being lifted 12 per cent to 12.5p, payable on February 17, to make 16.5p for the year.

Peter Williams, finance director, said the group had to show the gain on the Euromoney deal to comply with accounting standards.

Operating profits from the group's trading divisions rose 27 per cent to £97.6 million. The newspapers division, which owns the *Daily Mail* and *Evening Standard* as well as regional papers, increased trading profits by 17 per cent to £88.8 million.

Euromoney, the magazine publisher now 70 per cent owned by the group, increased profits by 47 per cent to £21.3 million.

☐ Lord Rothermere spent $C10.2 million buying shares in Southam Inc., which publishes 17 Canadian daily newspapers, between May 1993 and last month, according to the Ontario Securities Commission. Tempus, page 24

ASW takes control of French group

BY CARL MORTISHED

ASW Holdings, the Cardiff-based steel and wire producer, is taking over the French group Société des Aciers d'Armature pour le Béton, in a £51 million deal giving the UK company almost a third of Northern Europe's market for reinforced steel coil.

The acquisition of SAM from Usinor-Sacilor, its French state-owned parent, will be financed in part by a two-tranche rights issue at 160p per share to raise £29 million. ASW will buy 80 per cent of SAM for £51 million and may purchase the rest for up to £19 million out of future cash flow.

At the same time ASW is selling the Scunthorpe Rod Mill to British Steel for £50 million, which will be satisfied by the buy-back and cancellation of British Steel's 35 per cent interest in ASW.

Sir Alan Cox, chief executive of ASW, said: "The ASW/SAM combination fits our bill superbly."

The combined group will have sales of about £600 million and net assets of £189 million. Sir Alan predicted that the deal could produce savings of £8 million a year, making it the one of the lowest cost producers in Europe.

ASW is forecasting profits of £4 million for the year to December and a dividend of 6p for the year.

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Central Transport cuts loss to £7m

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

CENTRAL Transport Rental, the container transport group formerly known as Tiphook, yesterday revealed losses before tax of £7.2 million in the half year to October 31, an improvement on the £179.7 million losses in the previous year's first half.

The balance sheet remains under severe pressure with debts of £501.9 million supported by shareholders' funds of just £26.3 million. This compares with debts of £1.064 billion on shareholders' funds of £40 million at the end of last year's first half. The group said yesterday: "Our five principal banks have confirmed their continuing support, having recently approved a four-year business plan prepared by the company under the terms of the credit agreement with them."

The figures were struck after an exceptional charge of £14.9 million to cover reorganisation costs and a reassessment of previous charges. Ian Clubb, chairman, said: "The past six months have been a difficult and eventful time for our company, with substantial changes made to the structure of the group after the disposal of our container operations and a significant re-organisation of the management structure."

The announcement was after the market close and the shares were unchanged at 33p.

Changing Chrysalis stays in the red

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE cost of transforming Chrysalis Group into a multimedia business kept the group in the red last year and will continue to hit profits in the current year.

The group, which has set up a new record label, launched two radio stations and invested in a clutch of television production firms, made a pre-tax loss of £3.4 million in the year to August 31. This compares with a loss of £14.6 million in the corresponding period of the previous year, which was depressed by an £11.1 million provision relating to the closure of its amusement machine operation.

There is no final dividend. In the previous year, the group paid a one-off dividend of 3.25p, the first since 1991.



Chris Wright will continue to invest in radio franchises

Chris Wright, the chairman, said another loss was likely in the current year, given the costs of setting up its Crystal FM London radio station, which is due to start broadcasting next year. However, he said the group would still consider paying a dividend even if it remained in the red. "Returning to the dividend list is not necessarily dependent on whether we make a trading profit."

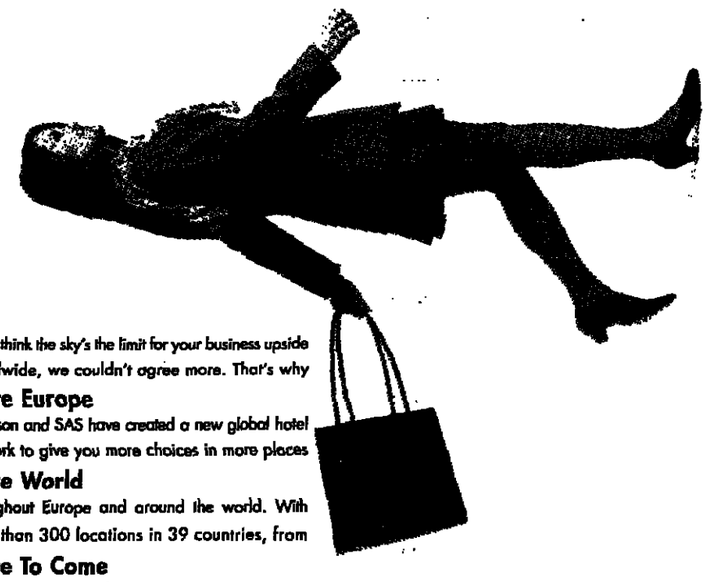
Mr Wright said he was confident that the decision to concentrate on multimedia industries would pay off in the long run, although it was hurting profits in the short term. The group has spent almost £15 million to date expanding in music, television and radio.

Music publishing successes last year included Wet Wet Wet, The Smashing Pumpkins and The Orb. Chrysalis has also recently signed Hans Zimmer, the composer who wrote the music score for the blockbusting film *The Lion King*.

Mr Wright said the bulk of the group's expenditure was now behind it, although it would continue to invest in new music artists and other radio franchises.

"I don't want to take my foot off the accelerator completely," he said.

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STOCK MARKET | MICHAEL CLARK

Collapse of Warburg talks deflates shares

THE collapse of merger talks between **SG Warburg** and Morgan Stanley, the rival US banker, cast a shadow over the rest of the equity market. The news, which was leaked from New York almost 10 minutes before an official announcement in London, sent shares of SG Warburg tumbling 99p to 699p.

The talks foundered after Morgan refused to pay the sort of terms demanded by Warburg's separately quoted fund management arm, **Mercury Asset Management**, which also slumped 47p to 698p. Morgan Stanley said the terms being demanded by MAM were unacceptable and that it was unwilling to proceed with a deal that excluded the fund management operations. The rest of the equity market took the news of the aborted talks badly, with early gains wiped out to leave leading shares nursing small losses at the close. This was reflected in the FT-SE 100 index, which finished 7.2 lower at 2,973.4 after frittering away an early lead of 17.5.

Confidence among investors remains fragile. They had been encouraged by the recent spate of corporate activity and took flight at the news that at least one takeover had failed to get airborne.

Earlier, the market had managed to take news of a sluggish set of retail sales in its stride, despite the implications for the stores sector. It had been forced to contend with a sell-off in the futures market ahead of today's expiry of the FT-SE 100 December options. The only implication for traders was a modest increase in the volume, which saw a total of 627 million shares traded by the close of business.

The failure of the Warburg talks also sent a shudder through the rest of the sector as hopes that further takeovers, possibly in the pipeline, suffered setbacks. **Kleinwort Benson** fell 22p to 519p, **Schroders** 20p to £14.18, and **Smith New Court** 12p to 415p.

The profit-takers also moved in on **Northern Electric**, while the speculators awaited further developments after Trafalgar House indicated earlier this week its willingness to make a bid for the company. The shares boiled over, sliding 26p to 984p as Trafalgar explained to the City that it would not be requiring a rights issue to fund the £1 billion-plus acquisition. Instead Trafalgar will be relying on financial backing from its 25 per cent shareholder, Hongkong Land, controlled by the wealthy Keswick family, and Jardine Matheson, its parent company.

At the same time, Trafalgar has reported a return to the black during the first six months of the year with pre-tax profits of £45.6 million against a deficit last time of £347 million. As expected, the interim dividend has been cut from 3.25p to 1p.

Meanwhile, investors pondered the next likely bid target within the sector after the Government's golden share comes off in March. There were gains for **East Midland**, 19p to 798p, **Manweb**, 24p to 855p, **Midlands**, 32p to 836p, **Seeboard**, 15p to 463p, **South Wales**, 7p to 834p, **Southern**, 7p to 793p, and **Yorkshire**, 6p to 747p.

South West advanced 14p to 857p after a generous increase in the interim dividend of 24 per cent to 8.7p, or 18.6 per cent before taking into account the recent share buy-back programme. Pre-tax profits during the period grew from £30.6 million to £41.4 million helped by further cost-cutting measures.

There was no sign of that elusive bid for **Portals**, the security paper merchant, from **De La Rue**, the security printer. The two sides have been in talks for several weeks in the hope of thrashing out agreed terms after earlier negotiations broke down last May. Portals finished a further 3p firmer at 906p, with the speculators talking of an offer of around £10.50 a share, valuing the entire company at £745 million.

Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionary and soft drinks group, fell 9p to 395p after Société Générale Strauss Turnbull and Smith New Court joined the growing number of stockbrokers to downgrade their profit estimates. On Wednesday, Hoare Govett and BZW both cut £30 million from their 1995 profit forecasts. They have become increasingly worried by growing competition in the soft drinks market, which they say is set to intensify next year. Concern has also been expressed that the group wants to bid for Dr Pepper, the US soft drinks group, where it already has a sizeable stake.

Also in foods, **Unilever** advanced 13p to £11.23 as **NatWest Securities**, the stockbroker, switched its recommendation from "hold" to "add", reflecting recent volume trends in Europe.

Innovative Technologies Group enjoyed a modest premium in first-time trading on the USM after a placing of 4.46 million shares by Allied Provincial Corporate Services. It finished the day at 123p with a total of 696,242 shares traded.

B.C.E. Holdings returned from suspension 2p better at 13p after the acquisition of two companies, Software Creations and Rage Software.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts ticked higher in early trading, encouraged by a firmer German bund and a weak set of retail sales figures, which provided a boost to longer dated issues. Trading conditions were described as thin and after the initial bout of support petered out, prices were left to their own devices for much of the session.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt was squeezed higher, finishing £¼ better at £102³/₁₆ on low volume of 29,000 contracts.

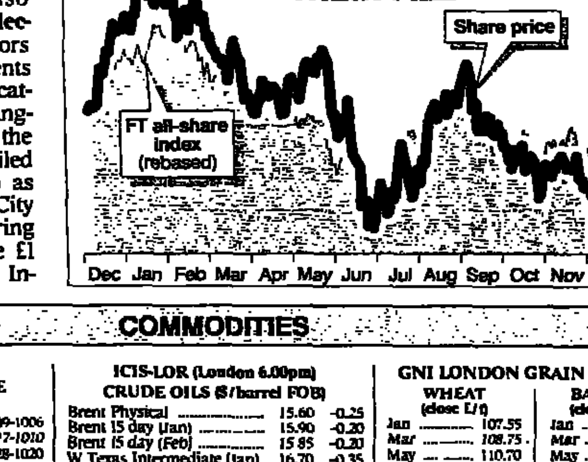
Among conventional issues, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 advanced £¼ to £105⁵/₁₆, while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 put on three ticks at £103¹⁷/₃₂.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street were higher at midday, helped by a rally in the high technology sector. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 21.53 points at 3,767.82.



Soft drinks shares lost fizz on fears of tougher times

Williams Holdings fell 7p to 311p as one seller attempted to unload a large line of stock. About 4 million shares were offered at 317p but appear to have attracted only a few buyers. By the close a total of 2.91 million shares had been traded. Brokers say the bulk of the shares may still be around this morning.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3767.82 (+21.53)
S&P Composite 456.47 (+1.50)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 19121.12 (+189.63)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 8259.56 (+262.21)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 407.69 (+0.50)

Sydney:
AO 1895.0 (+31.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2052.59 (+27.82)

Singapore:
Straits 2180.23 (+66.23)

Brussels:
General 7206.88 (+28.90)

Paris:
CAC-40 1931.10 (+1.08)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 642.80 (+5.70)

London:

FT 30	2289.7 (-2.9)
FT 100	2973.4 (-7.2)
FT-SE Mid 250	3413.9 (+8.3)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1326.74 (+9.92)
FT A All-Share	1479.60 (-1.59)
FT Non Financials	1597.63 (-1.36)
FT Gold Mines	222.8 (+3.3)
FT Fixed Interest	109.60 (+0.08)
FT Govt Secs	91.94 (+0.09)
Bargains	19576
SEAQ Volume	627.7m
USM (Datastrm)	150.48 (-0.54)
US$	1.5613 (-0.0010)
German Mark	2.4544 (+0.0035)
Exchange Index	80.3 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2829
£:SDR	1.0763
RPI	145.3 Nov (2.6%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Ashbourne (150)	151	...
Asset Mngmnt Inv (100)	95	...
BSkyB	256½	...
Clydeport	165	...
Dragon Oil Wts	1½	+¼
Euclidian (100)	102	...
Eurovein (141)	140	...
Fidelity Spec V Uts	468	...
Finsbry Sml Cos C (100)	98	...
First Russn Frnt ($10)	620	...
Fleming Nat Res (100)	92	...
For & Col Emrg C (100)	104	+1¼
H Gov 1000 Ind (100)	101	...
Hydro Intnl (80)	83	...
INVESCO Korea C	96	...
Innovative Techs (120)	123	...
JJB Sports (215)	228	...
Kiln Capital (100)	100	...
Leg & Gen Rec (100)	100	...
Mathsn Lloyds (100)	87	...
Murray Emrg Ec (100)	92	+1
Murray Emrg Ec Wts	40	+1
RAP Group	138	-5
RM (175)	209	...
Residential Prop	105	...
SeaPerfect (120)	129	...
TLG (115)	132	...
Tele-Cine Cell (170)	163	...
Telewest Coms (182)	179½	...
Wellington Under (100)	102	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cowie n/p (190)	18	...
Division Grp n/p (100)	23	...
OMI n/p (37)	2	...
Saltire n/p (12)	¼	...
Usborne n/p (25)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Standard Chart	275p (+13p)
AG Barr	383p (+13p)
Adam & Harvey	573p (+13p)
Copymore	170p (+10p)
ASW	215p (+20p)

FALLS:

Kleinwort Benson	519p (-22p)
SG Warburg	699p (-99p)
Inchcape	428p (-11p)

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TEMPUS

SAM missile

ASW admits that it has spent millions investigating strategic alliances in Europe but for once the expenditure on mergers and acquisitions appears to have paid off and at exactly the right point in the cycle. Just as the margin between the price of scrap metal and steel coil is widening, ASW is buying a majority stake in SAM, a business which, thanks to £50 million of investment by a subsidy-happy French government, owns two of the lowest-cost mills in Europe.

Yesterday's deal holds out the promise that ASW will finally be transformed into a sensible company. British Steel was never a long-term holder of its third share in ASW and the sale of the Scunthorpe Rod Mill to British Steel in exchange for cancellation of its stake removes any lingering doubts about the future of the shares and allows British Steel to escape a cash call from ASW. Much is promised from the Anglo-French alliance, not least £8 million of savings in purchasing and distribution costs, with some analysts forecasting £28 million of profit next year. Some of that comes from improving prices and margins but the longer-term strategy assumes that a company controlling 29 per cent of the reinforced steel coil market in northern Europe can bring greater price stability to the market.

ASW was hammered by losses in the recession. Rising prices for its products will restore its profitability for the next two years but the company is seeking a defence from the next downturn in the construction cycle and its real hope is that SAM will provide more security in the lean years than profits in a boom.

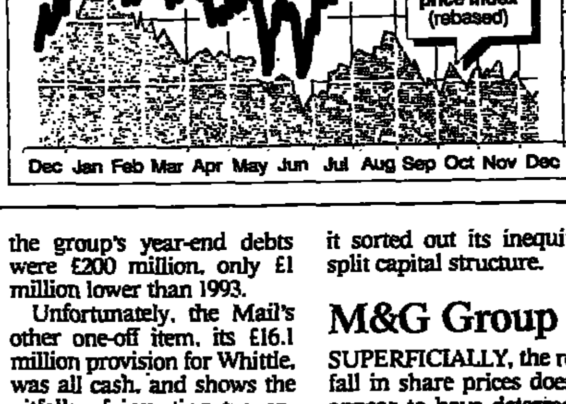
Asda

THE top three supermarket groups are often dismissive of Asda, yet they would all gladly swap its like for like sales growth for their own. Asda's like for like sales rose 7 per cent in the first half, eclipsing everyone else. Tesco was the closest with 4.0 per cent, J Sainsbury could only manage a 0.4 per cent, while Safeway reported a 0.3 per cent decline.

It is true Asda is still catching up with its bigger rivals, yet it keeps on producing strong sales and profits growth. The question is whether that growth will now start to tail off as the gap closes.

In the short term, the answer has to be no. The rise in the first half did not include the full benefits of the group's store renewal programme. Half the chain will be upgraded by the end of the current financial year and this will further drive sales. Revamped stores produce sales rises of about 20 per cent in their first year and up to 10 per cent in the second.

Although Asda will never achieve the 6 per cent operating margins made by its competitors, it still has scope to improve from the present 4 per cent. The benefits of new, sales-based ordering systems, coupled with further cost-cutting should deliver a further 1 percentage point. But in the longer term, Asda's older store portfolio will inevitably restrain growth. Given this fact, the shares have gone far enough for now.



Daily Mail

WHATEVER the Accounting Standards Board may dictate, the Daily Mail and General Trust's latest set of figures stretch the definition of profit to the limits of the imagination. In May, an institutional placing by Euromoney diluted the Mail's holding in the company from 74.7 per cent to 70.3 per cent. Since Euromoney received £23.1 million from the placing, the Mail's balance sheet was given a useful boost. But the group did not receive any cash, nor did it sell any of its shares. Nevertheless, the exercise leaves the bottom line £15.9 million healthier.

A decent working definition of a profit is something that the Inland Revenue wants to tax. The Euromoney item fails this acid test, which in turn depresses the Mail's tax charge to less than 30 per cent, so the company wins all ways. Except of course that none of this is real money, so the group's year-end debts were £200 million, only £1 million lower than 1993.

Unfortunately, the Mail's other one-off item, its £16.1 million provision for Whittle, was all cash, and shows the pitfalls of investing too enthusiastically in new media.

In spite of unusual items, the Mail's latest figures serve to show the strength of the grpup's main businesses. National newspapers will continue to be squeezed in the current year, particularly as rising newsprint prices begin to bite, but the Mail's sales have so far been remarkably resilient in the face of price-cutting in the industry.

The acquisition of the *Nottingham Evening Post* will add £93 million to debts, but the Mail's gearing is still low. The group is keeping its powder dry for some relaxation in cross-media ownership rules. If it needed to raise money in a future bid, it could sell its remaining £70 million Reuters stake, or even hold a rights issue, provided it sorted out its inequitable split capital structure.

M&G Group

SUPERFICIALLY, the recent fall in share prices does not appear to have deterred the typical M&G client; the unit trust manager experienced its biggest inflow of funds, with some £900 million invested in the year to September. That should not make M&G too confident, since its financial year straddled the market's strong advance at the end of 1993.

Private investor interest tends to lag market cycles and the gilts and share market blues could make Sid less keen on M&G's equity-based products in 1995. M&G is likely to respond with more products that waive front-end commissions to lure money out of building society accounts. Longer term, the answer must be more institutional business: a long uphill slog.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	991-986	Mar	1009-1006
Mar	973-972	May	1017-1010
May	969-967	Jul	1028-1020
Jul	978-974	Sep	1038-1030
Sep	984-983		
Dec	998-993	Volume:	16710

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2538-2535	Sep	2455-2440
Mar	2510-2505	Nov	2465-2445
May	2480-2475	Jan	2475-2445
Jul	2470-2460	Volume:	3733

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	358.5-57.0
Spot 407.50		Dec	353.0-51.5
Mar	402.4-95.7	Mar	351.5-49.5
May	396.5-95.7	May	350.5-47.5
Aug	387.0-85.7	Volume:	727

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 14

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	81.78	114.36	120.28
(+/-)	+0.18	-5.46	-1.61
Eng/Wales:	81.78	115.22	118.71
(+/-)	+0.18	-5.70	-2.19
(%)	+2.0	-3.0	-16.0
Scotland:	unq	112.29	128.61
(+/-)	—	-3.96	+2.15
(%)	—	+30.0	-27.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.60	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Jan)	15.90	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Feb)	15.85	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	16.70	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	16.80	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 162 (n/c)	O: 164 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	140 (-2)	142 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jan	142 (-1)	144 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Feb	145 (n/c)	146 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	97 (+1)	100 (+3)
Naphtha	169 (n/c)	171 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jan	142.75-43.00	Apr	147.50-47.75
Feb	145.25-45.50	May	148.00-48.50
Mar	147.25-47.50		Vol: 13700

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jan	15.87-15.88	Apr	15.84 BID
Feb	15.84-15.86	May	15.85-15.89
Mar	15.84 BID		Vol: 41180

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	107.55	Jan	103.75
Mar	108.75	Mar	105.75
May	110.70	May	107.65
Jul	111.85	Sep	96.50
Sep	97.25	Nov	97.65
Volume:	593	Volume:	17

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	unq
Apr	277.0	278.5
May	unq	298.5
		Volume: 50

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Jan 96.75-97.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Dec 94	2025	2005	2005
Jan 95	1920	1850	1858
Feb 95	1855	1820	1827
Apr 95	1780	1700	1725
Vol: 434 lots		Open Interest: 3304	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	3012.0-3015.0	2945.0-2946.0	1413475
Lead ($/tonne)	630.00-631.00	647.00-648.00	304125
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1113.5-1114.0	1141.5-1142.0	556150
Tin ($/tonne)	5880.0-5885.0	5980.0-5982.0	32780
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1855.0-1855.5	1887.5-1888.5	1658550
Nickel ($/tonne)	8620.0-8625.0	8775.0-8785.0	111972

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom	500	41	54½	62	2	7	12
(*537½)	550	8	23½	32½	19	25	33
Argyll	240	12	21½	24	4½	8	14
(*245)	260	3½	12	15	16	18½	25½
ASDA	60	5½	7½	9	1	2	4
(*63½)	70	1½	2½	4½	7½	8	9½
Boots	460	31	44	50	3½	9	15½
(*485)	500	8½	21	28½	20½	26½	35
Br Airways	330	30½	42	48½	1½	8	13½
(*357)	360	11	24½	31	11½	20	26½
BP	390	29	37½	45	2½	8	14
(*415)	420	10	20	28	13½	20	26½
Br Steel	140	18	22½	25½	0½	3	5
(*157)	160	4	10½	14	7	10½	13
C & W	330	29½	41	47½	2½	9½	15
(*356)	360	10	23½	30½	13½	22	28
CU	493	26½	36	—	5	21½	—
(*511)	543	4½	13½	—	34	53	—
ICI	700	46½	60	70	5	22½	28½
(*738½)	750	15	31½	43½	24	46	53½
Kingfishr	390	27½	41	44½	4	12½	20
(*409½)	420	10½	23	28½	17	26	35
Land Sec	550	21½	37	43	4	11½	21½
(*564)	600	3½	14	18½	36½	39	50
M & S	360	21	32	37½	3	7½	13½
(*376)	390	5½	16	21	17½	21½	27
Nat West	460	43	53½	60	2½	15½	19½
(*498)	500	16	29	38½	15	34	38
Sainsbury	360	32	43½	49	1½	8	15½
(*387½)	390	11½	24½	31	12½	18	28½
Shell	650	38½	48½	55	3	13½	16
(*682)	700	8½	20½	29	23½	38½	41
Smkl Bch	430	30½	41	49	3½	12½	18½
(*445)	460	8½	20	29	21	31½	38
Storehse	200	14½	20	24½	2½	6	9
(*214½)	220	3	9½	14	11½	15½	19
Trafalgar	70	6½	10½	12½	2	4	5
(*74)	80	2½	6	8	8	9½	10½
Unilever	1100	41	64	78½	10	31	43
(*1122½)	1150	15	38	53	34	57½	69
Zeneca	850	28	46	59	16	36½	45
(*858½)	900	8½	24	37	47	67	74½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Grnd Met	360	32	40	45½	6	11½	16½
(*388)	390	13	23½	30	21½	25½	30½
Ladbroke	140	17	19½	23½	1½	6½	8
(*152½)	160	6½	9	14	10½	17	18
Utd Bisc	300	24	29	34	3½	12½	16
(*317)	330	8½	12	20	17½	29½	32

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	450	22	34½	—	4	9½	—
(*465½)	475	8	20	—	15	20½	—
Thames W	420	41½	54	60½	1	6	14
(*458)	460	13½	29	36	17½	20½	32
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
BAT Ind	420	24½	34	36½	11	24	30½
(*429½)	460	7½	16	20	34½	50	55
BTR	260	23	26	31	3½	10½	13
(*276½)	280	11	14½	21	11½	20½	23
Br Aero	409	34½	46½	—	11	23	—
(*427½)	448	15½	28½	—	31	44½	—
Br Telcm	360	16	26½	33½	9½	13	19
(*372½)	390	4½	13	19½	29	30½	36½
Cadbury	390	19	25½	31	7½	19	21½
(*394½)	420	7½	13	18½	26½	38½	40
Guinness	420	22	30½	35½	7	16½	20
(*429½)	460	6	12	17½	31½	41	43½
GEC	280	11	18	22	7	10	15
(*284)	300	3½	9½	13	20½	22	27
Hanson	220	14	17	20½	4	8	11
(*228½)	240	4	8	11	14	18½	22
LASMO	130	11½	15½	18½	4	6½	7
(*137)	140	6	10½	13½	8	11	11½
Lucas	180	21	25½	30	2½	6½	9
(*197)	200	8½	14	19	10	15	17½
Pilkingtn	140	21½	25	27½	0	2	4
(*159)	160	7½	12	15½	5	8½	12
Prudential	300	17	21½	27	8½	18	20
(*306)	330	5½	9	14	27	37	38½
Redland	420	28½	36	41½	10	23½	28½
(*434)	460	9½	17½	23	31½	49	52½
R-Royce	160	14	18	21½	3	7	9½
(*169½)	180	4	8½	12	13½	18	20
Tesco	220	19½	26	27	2	8	10½
(*233½)	240	6½	14	16	10	17½	20
Vodafone	183	18	—	—	2½	—	—
(*196½)	200	7½	14	18	9½	13½	16
Williams	300	17½	25½	29½	5½	14	15
(*309)	330	4	11	14½	23	31½	32

FT-SE INDEX (*2975)

	2850	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100
Calls						
Dec	125	75	27	2	1	1
Jan	162	126½	95	67½	46	28½
Feb	187½	151	122	93½	70	48½
Mar	203½	169	140	110½	88½	67½
Jun	—	207	—	190	—	109½
Puts						
Dec	1	1	3	28	76	126
Jan	28	43	62½	85	119½	149
Feb	44	59	80½	103	131	160½
Mar	58½	74	95½	117½	146	176
Jun	—	107	—	149	—	205½

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	18½	29½	36	1	14	20
(*407)	420	2	12½	20½	14½	30½	36½
Amstrad	125	7½	13	17	1	5	8
(*132)	150	0	3	7	18	20½	23
Barclays	550	41½	57½	66	0½	13	19
(*591)	600	4	27	37	15½	35½	42
Blue Circ	260	5	20½	25½	2½	10	18
(*265½)	280	0½	12	16½	15	21	29½
Br Gas	300	6½	18½	25	2	9	17½
(*305)	330	0	6	11	25	27	36
Dixons	160	19	22	27½	0	3½	6½
(*179)	180	3	10½	16½	4½	11½	15
Forte	220	11½	20	24	0½	5½	11½
(*231)	240	0½	9	13½	9½	15	22
Hillsdwn	160	14	19	22	0	2	5½
(*174)	180	1	7	11	6½	10	17
Lonrho	140	9½	14	18½	1	5½	8
(*148½)	160	1	5	9½	11½	16½	19
Sears	100	4½	9	11	0½	3½	6
(*104)	110	0	5	6½	6	9	11½
Thrn Eml	1000	14½	43	60	10½	32	37½
(*1010)	1050	0½	21½	42	51½	62	65½
Tomkins	200	10	16½	23	1	7	10½
(*208)	220	1	7½	13½	12½	17½	20½
TSB	220	11½	18½	22	0½	9½	12
(*230½)	240	1	8½	13	10	20½	23
Wellcome	650	24½	52	67½	3½	27	39
(*670½)	700	2	27	44½	31	54½	65½
Series		**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Jul**
Glaxo	600	39	53½	70	7½	24½	32
(*620)	650	12½	28½	45½	31	50½	57½
HSBC	650	55½	73	83	6½	25½	31½
(*697)	700	23	44	56	23	49½	55½
Reuter	420	42	51	59½	2	9½	14½
(*458)	460	14½	27	36½	14	25	31
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Jul**	**Feb**	**May**	**Jul**
Royal Ins	280	14½	21½	27	12	20½	22
(*280)	300	7	13½	19	24	33	34
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Fisons	110	4½	13	15½	1½	7	10
(*113)	120	0½	8½	11½	7½	12½	15½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Eastern Gp	750	40	61	72½	25	41½	52
(*765½)	800	19	38½	50	54½	69	80½
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Natl Pwr	460	6½	25½	38½	5	17½	27
(*461)	500	0	10	21½	39	42½	51
Scot Pwr	330	9	21½	33	2½	17½	23
(*337)	360	0	9	20	23	35½	40

December 15, 1994 Tot: 30769 Call: 14578 Put: 16191 FT-SE Call: 6457 Put: 8836
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	2986.0	3000.0	2965.0	2974.0	16402
Previous open interest: 70529	Mar 95	3003.0	3019.0	2987.5	2996.0	11002
FT-SE 250	Dec 94	3420.0	3420.0	3420.0	3414.5	45
Previous open interest: 5366	Mar 95	3451.0	3455.0	3451.0	3445.0	190
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.51	93.56	93.51	93.54	12293
Previous open interest: 501585	Mar 95	92.55	92.64	92.55	92.60	23317
	Jun 95	91.92	91.99	91.92	91.96	4746
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94				93.68	0
Previous open interest: 4663	Mar 95				92.81	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.45	94.50	94.45	94.50	15895
Previous open interest: 776770	Mar 95	94.29	94.38	94.29	94.36	38305
Long Gilt	Dec 94	102-19	102-30	102-19	102-28	538
Previous open interest: 126612	Mar 95	101-28	102-13	101-25	102-06	29566
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	108.43	108.47	108.41	108.43	1386
	Jun 95				107.760	
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 95	89.62	89.89	89.59	89.74	56703
Previous open interest: 174008	Jun 95				89.12	0
Three month ECU	Dec 94	93.56	93.65	93.56	93.65	685
Previous open interest: 25808	Mar 95	93.25	93.34	93.22	93.34	1275
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.70	95.73	95.70	95.72	849
Previous open interest: 39752	Mar 95	95.38	95.44	95.38	95.41	4067
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 95	96.58	99.56	98.53	99.47	27119
Previous open interest: 44259	Jun 95	97.98	97.98	97.98	98.77	5

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6¾
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 4¾ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6; 3 mth 6¼. Sell: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth: 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¹¹/₁₆-5⅝	6⅛-5¹⁵/₁₆	6¼-6⅛	6¾-6⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅜-6⅛	6⅝-6⅜	7-6¾	7⅞-7⅝
Interbank:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅜-6⅛	6⅝-6⅜	7-6¾	7⅞-7⅝
Overnight: open 6½ close 4½					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	6⅝	6¾	7¾
Sterling CDs:	6-5⅞	6⅜-6⅛	6⅝-6½	7-6⅞	7⅞-7¾
Dollar CDs:	6.03	n/a	6.15	6.78	7.50
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅜-6⅛	6⅝-6⅝	6⅞-6¾	7¾-7⅝

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Nov 30, 1994 Agreed rates Dec 26, 1994 to Jan 24, 1994 Scheme III: 7.39 %. Reference rate Nov 1, 1994 to Nov 30, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 6.107 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	6⅛-5⅞	6⅝-6⅜	6⅞-6⅝	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5	5⅜-5¼	5⅝-5½	5¼-4¾
French Franc:	5½-5¼	5⅝-5½	6⅛-6	6½-6⅜	5⅝-4¾
Swiss Franc:	3¾-3½	4-3⅞	4⅛-4	4⅛-4	4-3½
Yen:	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	2½-2⅜	2¼-1¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $380.00-380.40 Close: $379.50-380.00 High: $380.00-380.40
Low: $378.35-379.05 AM: $380.10 PM: $379.20

Krugerrand: $379.00-381.00 (£242.50-244.50)

Platinum: $262.35 (£409.25) Silver: $4.81 (£3.075) Palladium: $152.00 (£97.45)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Dec 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7438-2.7507	2.7466-2.7500	⅛pr-par	⅜-⅛pr
Brussels	50.40-50.58	50.48-50.58	5-1pr	12-5pr
Copenhagen	9.6070-9.6400	9.6250-9.6400	⅛pr-par	⅛pr-par
Dublin	1.0140-1.0175	1.0146-1.0173	3pr-par	1pr-3ds
Frankfurt	2.4501-2.4564	2.4520-2.4552	⅛pr-par	⅜-⅛pr
Lisbon	251.41-252.51	251.87-252.51	88-100ds	263-291ds
Madrid	206.07-206.57	206.13-206.43	34-43ds	103-116ds
Milan	2548.40-2555.10	2550.70-2554.00	5-7ds	17-20ds
Montreal	2.1620-2.1686	2.1655-2.1686	0.01-0.08ds	0.12-0.23ds
New York	1.5604-1.5630	1.5620-1.5630	0.01pr-par	0.04-0.01pr
Oslo	10.6970-10.7260	10.7100-10.7260	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-⅛pr
Paris	8.4510-8.4740	8.4540-8.4680	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Stockholm	11.7630-11.8050	11.7690-11.7930	1⅛-2⅛ds	4⅛-5⅛ds
Tokyo	156.24-156.76	156.49-156.76	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.24-17.31	17.27-17.31	2½-1⅛pr	5⅛-3⅛pr
Zurich	2.0700-2.0760	2.0705-2.0735	1⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2843-1.2851
Austria	11.06-11.07
Belgium (Com)	32.33-32.34
Canada	1.3855-1.3860
Denmark	6.1620-6.1650
France	5.4215-5.4230
Germany	1.5720-1.5725
Hong Kong	7.7374-7.7384
Ireland	1.5366-1.5381
Italy	1633.5-1634.5
Japan	100.25-100.35
Malaysia	2.5632-2.5642
Netherlands	1.7603-1.7608
Norway	6.8570-6.8600
Portugal	161.37-161.47
Singapore	1.4665-1.4675
Spain	132.03-132.08
Sweden	7.5433-7.5508
Switzerland	1.3270-1.3280

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5576-1.5603
Australia dollar	2.0055-2.0072
Bahrain dinar	0.5825-0.5945
Brazil real*	1.3141-1.3182
Cyprus pound	0.74-0.75
Finland markka	7.5875-7.7035
Greece drachma	375.75-382.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.0780-12.0843
India rupee	48.52-49.48
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4635-0.4735
Malaysia ringgit	4.0014-4.0043
Mexico peso	5.33-5.43
New Zealand dollar	2.4339-2.4366
Pakistan rupee	47.45 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.795-5.921
Singapore dollar	2.2894-2.2916
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3791-6.4145
S Africa rand (com)	5.5731-5.5802
U A E dirham	5.6725-5.7965

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	879	Legal & Gn	2,000
ASDA Gp	7,000	Lloyds Bk	1,300
Abbey Natl	2,200	MEPC	507
Alld Dom	3,300	Marks Spr	5,300
Argyll Gp	4,000	NatWst Bk	2,400
Arjo Wiggn	4,400	Nat Power	3,300
AB Foods	181	Nth Wst W	1,300
BAA	2,400	P & O	1,600
BAT Inds	3,400	Pearson	1,300
BOC	531	PowerGen	3,600
BP	8,000	Prudential	2,500
BTR	4,200	RMC	624
BT	9,700	RTZ	2,100
Bk of Scot	1,200	Rank Org	1,500
Barclays	2,600	Reckitt Col	1,300
Bass	1,700	Redland	858
Blue Circle	3,500	Reed Intl	546
Boots	4,700	Rentokil	834
Bowater	1,100	Reuters	2,600
Brit Aero	642	Rolls Royce	6,700
Brit Alrwys	2,500	Ryl Ins	1,600
Brit Gas	11,000	Ryl Bk Scot	1,300
Brit Steel	7,400	Sainsbury	2,600
Burmah Cstl	645	Schroders	43
Cable Wire	9,700	Scot & New	458
Cadbury	3,800	Scot Power	1,400
Caradon	4,300	Sears	14,000
Carlton Cms	1,300	Svrn Trent	1,300
Cm Union	318	Shell Trans	2,600
Courtaulds	1,300	Siebe	712
De La Rue	655	SmKl Bch	4,600
Eastern Elec	3,400	Smith Nph	1,400
Enterpr Oil	1,400	Sthern Elec	2,200
Forte	1,400	Std Chard	4,100
GKN	1,100	Sun Allnce	1,300
GRE	3,500	TI Gp	1,300
GUS	1,600	TSB	4,600
Gen Acc	1,400	Tesco	2,100
Gen Elec	2,700	Thames W	1,200
Glaxo	5,900	Thrn EMI	1,700
Granada	1,200	Tomkins	1,300
Grand Met	3,900	Unilever	2,100
Guinness	1,100	Utd Bisc	1,300
HSBC	3,000	Vodafone	6,600
Hanson	6,200	Warburg	4,900
ICI	2,100	Wellcome	1,000
Inchcape	1,100	Whitbread	651
Kingfisher	3,100	Wlims Hld	2,900
Ladbroke	3,100	Wolseley	1,500
Land Secs	1,600	Zeneca	1,300

WALL STREET

	Dec 15 midday	Dec 14 close
AMP Inc	73	72¾
AMR Corp	51¾	50¾
AT & T	50⅞	51
Abbott Labs	32½	32⅛
Advanced Micro	23¾	23⅞
Aetna Life	46	45⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	16½	16⅝
Air Prod & Chem	45⅛	44⅛
Albertson's	29⅛	28⅝
Alcan Alumnm	24⅜	24⅛
Alco Standard	58⅛	57⅞
Allied Signal	33⅛	32⅞
Alum Co of Am	81½	79⅞
Amax Gold Inc	6½	6⅛
Amerada Hess	44½	44
Amer Brands	35⅛	35⅛
Amer El Power	33	33⅛
Amer Express	29⅛	29⅛
Amer Genl Corp	27⅛	27⅛
Amer Home Pr	66	66⅛
Amer Intl	96½	96⅛
Amer Stores	25⅛	25⅛
Ameritech	41⅛	41⅛
Amoco	61⅛	61⅛
Anheuser-Busch	50⅛	50⅞
Apple Computer	37⅛	37⅛
Archer Daniels	19⅛	19⅛
Armco	6⅛	6⅛
Armstrng Wrld	38⅛	37⅛
Asarco	27⅛	26⅛
Ashland Oil	33⅛	32⅛
Atl Richfield	102⅞	102⅞
Auto Data Pro	56⅛	56⅛
Avery Dennison	34	34
Avon Products	61⅛	61⅛
Baker Hughes	18⅛	18⅛
Baltim Gas & El	22⅛	22⅛
Banc One	27	27⅛
BankAmerica	40⅛	41
Bank of NY	28⅛	28⅛
Bankers Tr NY	58⅛	59⅛
Barnett Banks	40⅛	39⅛
Bausch & Lomb	32⅛	32⅛
Baxter Intl	26⅛	26⅛
Bectn Dicknsn	49⅛	48⅛
Bell Atlantic	51⅛	51⅛
BellSouth	54⅛	54⅛
Black & Decker	22⅛	22⅛
Block (H&R)	37⅛	37⅛
Boeing	47⅛	47⅛
Boise Cascade	25⅛	25
Borden Inc	12⅛	13⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅛	57⅛
Browning Ferris	27⅛	27⅛
Brunswick	17⅛	17⅛
Burlington Nthn	51	50
CBS	52	52⅛
CNA Financial	60⅛	65⅛
CPC Intl	54⅛	54⅛
CSX	67⅛	65⅛
Campbell Soup	43⅛	43⅛
Can Pacific	14⅛	14⅛
Cptl Cities ABC	79⅛	78⅛
Carolina Pwr	27⅛	27⅛
Caterpillar	53⅛	52⅛
Central & SW	23⅛	23⅛
Champion Intl	36⅛	35⅛
Chase Manhat	35⅛	36
Chemical Bk	37⅛	37⅛
Chevron Corp	44⅛	43⅛
Chrysler	47	47
Chubb Corp	75⅛	74⅛
Cigna Corp	65⅛	65⅛
Citicorp	42⅛	42⅛
Clorox	58⅛	58
Coastal Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Coca Cola	51⅛	50⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	63⅛	63⅛
Columbia Gas	23⅛	23
Compaq Comp	39⅛	37⅛
Comp Ass Int	45⅛	44⅛
Conagra	32⅛	32⅛
Cons Edison	26⅛	27
Cons Nat Gas	35⅛	34⅛
Cons Rail	50⅛	49⅛
Cooper Inds	33⅛	33⅛
Corning Inc	29⅛	29⅛
Crown Cork	37⅛	37⅛
Dana Corp	22	21⅛
Dayton Hudson	79⅛	79⅛
Deere	64⅛	63⅛
Delta Air Lines	47⅛	46⅛
Deluxe Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Detroit Edison	27	26⅛
Digital Equip	35	34⅛
Dillard Dept St	28	27⅛
Disney (Walt)	44	43⅛
Dominion Res	37	37⅛
Donelley (RR)	29	29
Dover Corp	52⅛	52
Dow Chemical	67⅛	66⅛
Dow Jones	30⅛	29⅛
Dresser	18⅛	18⅛
Duke Power	39⅛	40⅛
Dun & Brdstreet	52⅛	52⅛
Du Pont	55⅛	54⅛
Eastman Kodak	45⅛	45⅛
Eaton Corp	46⅛	45⅛
Emerson Elec	61⅛	60⅛
Engelhard Corp	21⅛	21⅛

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Enron Corp	28⅛	28⅛
Entergy	22⅛	22⅛
Ethyl Corp	9⅛	9⅛
Exxon	61⅛	61
FMC Corp	58⅛	58⅛
FPL Group	35⅛	35⅛
Federal Express	57⅛	57⅛
Fed Nat Mtge	72⅛	72⅛
First Chicago	47⅛	47⅛
First Interstate	70⅛	70
First Union Rlty	6⅛	6⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	32⅛	33⅛
Fluor Corp	43⅛	43⅛
Ford Motor	26⅛	26⅛
GTE Corp	30⅛	31
Gannett	47⅛	47⅛
Gap Inc Del	31⅛	31⅛
Gen Dynamics	43⅛	43⅛
Gen Electric	48⅛	48⅛
Gen Mills	58⅛	55⅛
Gen Motors	38	37⅛
Gen Reinsurance	122⅛	123⅛
Gen Signal	31⅛	32⅛
Genuine Parts	35⅛	35⅛
Georgia Pac	72⅛	72⅛
Gillette	73⅛	73⅛
Glaxo ADR	19⅛	19⅛
Goodrich (BF)	44	43⅛
Goodyear Tire	33⅛	32⅛
Grace (W&R)	37⅛	37⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	17⅛	19⅛
Great Wstn Fin	17	16⅛
Halliburton	34⅛	34
Harcourt General	33⅛	33⅛
Heinz (HJ)	37⅛	37⅛
Hercules	110⅛	111⅛
Hershey Foods	48⅛	47⅛
Hewlett Packard	96⅛	95⅛
Hilton Hotels	68⅛	69
Home Depot	46⅛	46
Homestake Mng	17⅛	17⅛
Honeywell	30⅛	29⅛
Household Intl	36⅛	36⅛
Houston Inds	36⅛	36
Humana	21⅛	21⅛
ITT Corp	81⅛	81⅛
Illinois Tool	41	40
Illinova	20⅛	21
INCO	28⅛	28⅛
Ingersoll Rand	30	30⅛
Inland Steel	35⅛	34⅛
Intel Corp	60⅛	60⅛
IBM	70⅛	70⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	47⅛	46⅛
Intl Paper	73⅛	72⅛
James River Va	20⅛	20⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54⅛	54⅛
Kellogg	59⅛	59⅛
Kerr-McGee	45⅛	44⅛
Kimberly-Clark	50⅛	50
Kmart	14⅛	14⅛
Knight-Ridder	48⅛	48⅛
Lilly (Eli)	62⅛	62⅛
Limited Inc	19	19⅛
Lin Brdcsing	141⅛	141⅛
Lincoln Nat	35⅛	36
Litton	36⅛	36⅛
Liz Claiborne	21⅛	21
Lockheed	67⅛	66⅛
Louisiana Pac	27⅛	27⅛
MCI Comm	18	18⅛
Marriott Int	27⅛	27⅛
Marsh & McLnn	75⅛	75⅛
Masco Corp	22⅛	22
May Dept St	34⅛	33⅛
Maytag Corp	14⅛	14⅛
McDonalds	28⅛	28⅛
McDonnell D	141	140⅛
McGraw Hill	68⅛	67
Mead Corp	47⅛	47⅛
Medtronic	54⅛	53⅛
Mellon Bk	32⅛	32⅛
Melville Corp	30	29⅛
Merck Inc	37⅛	37⅛
Merrill Lynch	35⅛	34⅛
Minnesota Mine	52⅛	51⅛
Mobil Corp	83⅛	84⅛
Monsanto	72⅛	73⅛
Morgan (JP)	57⅛	58
Motorola Inc	56⅛	56
Natl Medical	13⅛	13⅛
Natl Semi	18⅛	18⅛
Natl Service Ind	26	25⅛
Navistar Int	13⅛	13⅛
NBD Bancorp	28⅛	28⅛
NY Times A	22⅛	22⅛
Newmont Mng	35⅛	35⅛
Niag Mohawk	14⅛	14⅛
Nike B	68⅛	68
NL Industries	10⅛	10⅛
Noram Energy	5⅛	5⅛
Nordstrom	47⅛	47⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	60⅛	60
Nthn State Pwr	46⅛	46⅛
Norwest Corp	23⅛	23⅛
Nynex Corp	37⅛	38
Occidental Pt	19⅛	19
Ohio Edison	19⅛	19⅛
Oracle Systems	39⅛	39⅛
Oryx Energy Co	11⅛	11⅛

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Owens Corning	29⅛	29⅛
PNC Financial	21⅛	21⅛
PPG Industries	38⅛	37⅛
Paccar Inc	45⅛	44⅛
Pacificorp	18⅛	18⅛
Pac Enterprises	20⅛	20⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	24⅛	24⅛
Pac Telesis	29⅛	29⅛
Pall Corp	19	18⅛
Panhandle East	20⅛	20⅛
Parker Hannifin	45⅛	45
Peco Energy	24	24⅛
Penney (JC)	41⅛	41⅛
Pennzoil	45⅛	45⅛
Pepsico	35⅛	35⅛
Pfizer	76⅛	76⅛
Phelps Dodge	58⅛	57⅛
Philip Morris	57⅛	58
Phillips Pet	33⅛	33
Pitney Bowes	31⅛	31⅛
Polaroid	31⅛	31⅛
PriceCostco	13⅛	13⅛
Procter & Gmbl	62⅛	62⅛
Providian	31	30⅛
Pub Serv E & G	26⅛	26⅛
Quaker Oats	31⅛	30⅛
Ralston Purina	45⅛	45⅛
Raychem Corp	34	33⅛
Raytheon	63⅛	63⅛
Reebok Intl	37⅛	37⅛
Reynolds Metals	48⅛	47⅛
Roadway Srvcs	51⅛	51⅛
Rockwell Intl	35⅛	35⅛
Rohm & Haas	58⅛	58⅛
Royal Dutch	106⅛	106⅛
Rubbermaid	28⅛	28⅛
Safeco Corp	50⅛	50⅛
St Paul's Cos	45	43⅛
Salomon Inc	37⅛	37⅛
Santa Fe Pac	16⅛	13⅛
Sara Lee Corp	25⅛	25⅛
Scecorp	15⅛	15⅛
Schering Plough	75⅛	75⅛
Schlumberger	51⅛	50⅛
Scott Paper	69	68⅛
Seagram	29⅛	29⅛
Sears Roebuck	45⅛	45⅛
Shell Trans	64	64⅛
Sherwin Wllms	30⅛	31⅛
Skyline Corp	18⅛	18⅛
Snap-On-Tools	31⅛	31⅛
Southern Co	20⅛	20⅛
Sthwestern Bell	42⅛	42⅛
Sprint Corp	27⅛	30⅛
Stanley Works	36⅛	36⅛
Sun Company	27⅛	27⅛
Sun Microsys	34	33⅛
Suntrust	49⅛	49⅛
Supervalu	24	23⅛
Sysco Corp	26⅛	26⅛
TRW Inc	63	63⅛
TCC Inds	2⅛	2⅛
Tandem Comp	16⅛	16⅛
Tandy Corp	47⅛	47⅛
Teledyne	17⅛	17
Temple Inland	45⅛	44⅛
Tenneco	40⅛	40⅛
Texaco	61⅛	61⅛
Texas Inst	74	72⅛
Texas Utilities	32⅛	32⅛
Textron	49⅛	49⅛
Time Warner	33⅛	33⅛
Times-Mirror	30⅛	30⅛
Timken	34⅛	34⅛
Torchmark	34⅛	34⅛
Toys R Us	34⅛	34⅛
Transamerica	47⅛	47⅛
Travelers	32⅛	31⅛
Tribune	52⅛	51⅛
Tyco Labs	45⅛	45⅛
UST Inc	27⅛	27⅛
UAL	87⅛	88
USX Marathon	17	16⅛
Unicom	24⅛	24⅛
Unilever NV	113⅛	113
Union Camp	48⅛	48⅛
Union Carbide	30⅛	30⅛
Union Pacific	47⅛	46⅛
Unisys Corp	9	8⅛
USAir Group	4⅛	4⅛
USF&G Corp	13⅛	13⅛
US Life	35	34⅛
US West	35⅛	35⅛
United Tech	59⅛	59⅛
Unocal Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Upjohn	31⅛	31⅛
VF Corp	48⅛	46⅛
WMX Tech	26⅛	25⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	22⅛	22⅛
Warner-Lambert	76⅛	76⅛
Wells Fargo	146⅛	146⅛
Westinghouse El	12⅛	12⅛
Weyerhaeuser	37	37
Whirlpool	47⅛	46⅛
Whitman	16⅛	16⅛
Winn Dixie	52⅛	52
Woolworth	14⅛	14⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	46⅛	46⅛
Xerox	95⅛	94⅛
Yellow Corp	21⅛	21⅛

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Seeing more of Birmingham

DAVID Jones, chief executive of ShareLink, the fast-growing private-client broker, surprised the City yesterday when he resigned as a non-executive director of the London Stock Exchange. The official reason given for Jones's decision to step down was that he wants to "concentrate his time and energies on both the business of ShareLink and involvement in the development of Crest" through the Bank of England Crest Advisory Committee, of which he is member. This is deemed by those with a bit of *inside knowledge as being* the Square Mile equivalent of wanting to spend more time with his family. However, it is widely believed that Jones was far from happy with the fact that the majority of stock market business is still dictated by and undertaken by a handful of dominant players. His own Birmingham telephone dealing service, started on the eve of the stock market crash in 1987, has a rapidly increasing customer base, whose interests have largely been ignored. Jones may well feel his time can be better spent elsewhere.

Hard to swallow

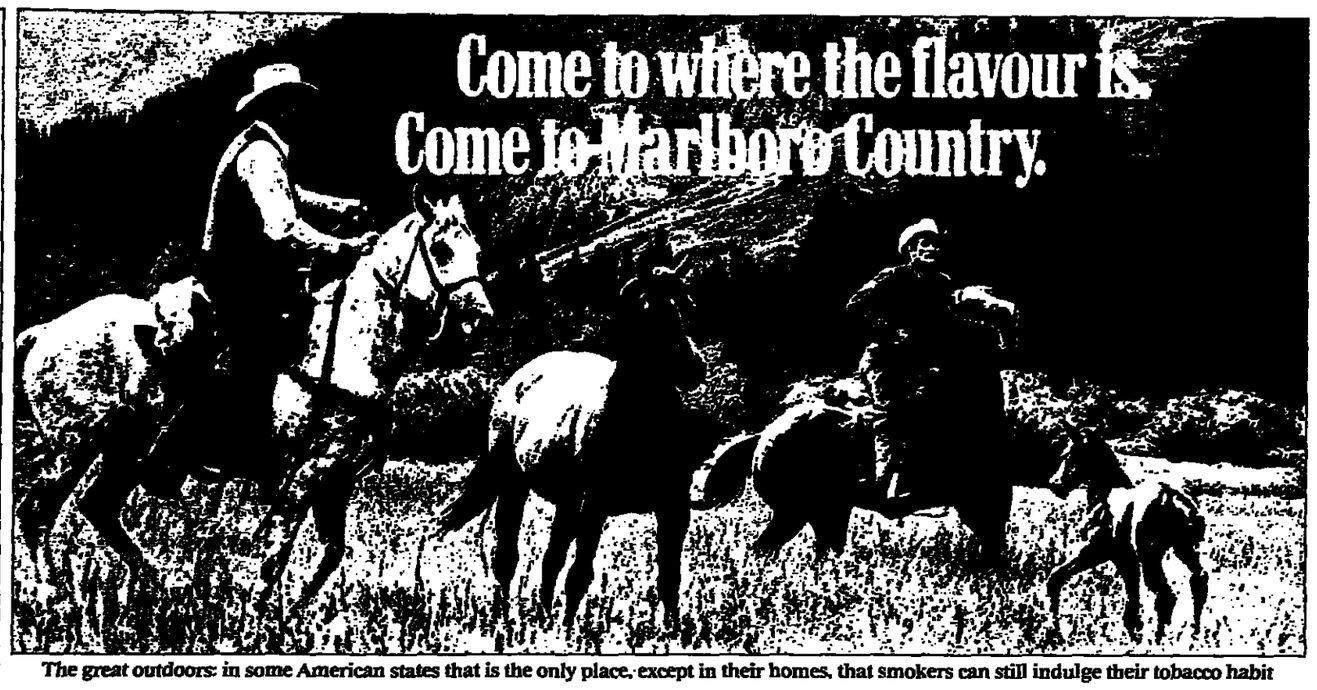
HOW to impress the client — South Africa's exclusive Mala Mala game reserve on the borders of the Kruger National Park may not be seeing quite so many rich American tourists after an unseemly incident recently. A group of US pension fund managers, together speaking for billions of dollars under management, spent a weekend in the bush at the Londolozi game reserve, one of four run by the Conservation Corporation. One evening, they decided to cross to the neighbouring £400-a-night Mala Mala for dinner. As they sat down to dine in the traditional *boma*, the owner, Mike Rattray, noticed that two Londolozi rangers — neither of whom were white — had joined their guests at the table, and he ordered them to leave. The outraged Americans promptly stormed off back to Londolozi, taking the sweet smell of all that money with them.



Better in US

GERHARD Liener, the Daimler-Benz finance director, says he is not surprised that Daimler's Wall Street debut last year has not been followed by other German companies. A rush of German blue chips had been predicted after Daimler had its name put on the Big Board. Liener says corporate Germany is waiting for a decision from the Government in Bonn that will allow companies to adopt a single international accounting standard acceptable to the US authorities too. That will mean the double bookkeeping Daimler-Benz has had to produce since its New York listing will not be necessary. Not that it is always a problem. Liener observes that his group's results this year will look much better according to American accounting standards than the figures provided for home consumption.

JON ASHWORTH



The great outdoors: in some American states that is the only place, except in their homes, that smokers can still indulge their tobacco habit

Class actions threaten to turn US into a no-smoking zone

Jon Ashworth reports on America's fast growing campaign against cigarettes

Few icons are more instantly recognisable than the rough, tough, horseback-riding Marlboro Man. The pulling power of his stetson and lasso have made Marlboro the second most valuable brand name in the world after Coca-Cola, with a value of about $33 billion. It has also proved an irresistible lure for a growing number of American states that have embarked on wave of legal actions against Philip Morris, maker of Marlboro, and other cigarette giants such as RJ Reynolds and American Tobacco. In America, at least, the Marlboro Man, is in danger of being thrown from his horse.

America, where the myth of the cowboy has been inextricably wrapped up with cigarette smoking for years, is turning on its former idols with astonishing speed. McDonalds has banned smoking at its outlets. Earlier this year, Maryland became the first state to opt for a complete ban on smoking in all public places, including bars, shops and restaurants. California is virtually a smoke-free state.

More ominously for the cigarette companies, 1994 has seen the launch of a mass of class actions brought, not by individual sufferers, but by entire states. Mississippi, Minnesota, Florida and West Virginia have started actions which name all the tobacco companies as defendants, seeking punitive damages, compensation for future health costs and a ban on promoting cigarettes to minors. West Virginia alone spends $500 million a year treating health problems caused by smoking. The bill for the entire nation exceeds $50 billion a year, according to government figures released in July.

Lined up against them is an impressive array of names with an equally impressive reserve of money on which to draw. Philip Morris has 42 per cent of the total American market, 24 per cent with Marlboro alone. Its other brands include Benson & Hedges and Virginia Slims. RJ Reynolds has 28 per cent of the US market with Winston, Salem and Camel. BAT Industries, which has run into regulatory problems over its $1 billion bid to buy American Tobacco, has about 11 per cent of the market. American Tobacco, which makes Carlton and Pall Mall, follows with about 7 per cent, slightly behind Lorillard, which makes Newport.

No legal action against a tobacco company has ever resulted in the payment of damages. Even so, the prospect of several US states teaming up *en masse* to take on the might of the tobacco lobby must send at least a slight shiver through the ranks of the cigarette executives in their ebony boardrooms. The sums involved could, in theory, drive them out of business. Florida, for one, estimates that smoking-related illnesses have cost at least $1.2 billion in medical costs since 1989.

Matters came to the boil in August, when members of the Food and Drug Administration's drug abuse advisory committee in Washington came to the unanimous conclusion that nicotine was addictive and that amounts in cigarettes were "likely" to lead to addiction. The likely result will be a drive to have levels of nicotine in cigarettes gradually reduced over a number of years, as opposed to banning them outright. The FDA reasons that an outright ban would simply give rise to a thriving black market in contraband cigarettes.

The ruling in turn sparked the new wave of law suits, with their emphasis on nicotine. The thrust of the new attack is summed up in the so-called Castano class action. The suit is filed in the name of Dianne Castano, a housewife from New Orleans whose husband died after a lifetime of smoking, together with all other "nicotine-dependent persons" in the US and their heirs and survivors. It seeks punitive damages as well as compensation for economic loss, emotional distress and medical costs.

Castano differs from previous cases in its emphasis on addiction. Taking their cue from the spring's controversial hearings in the House energy and commerce subcommittee on health, the plaintiffs argue that the tobacco companies are liable because (among other things) they misrepresented nicotine as being non-addictive. They also allege that manipulation — deliberately upping levels of nicotine to "hook" more smokers — made the product unreasonably dangerous or defective. In Castano, addiction is one of the alleged injuries in and of itself.

The allegations may turn out to be impossible to prove. Not only will the plaintiffs have to prove that misrepresentations were actually made, but they must prove a proximate cause of injury — prove, in short, that a particular smoker is in fact dependent. The plaintiff is also obliged to convince a jury that dependency occurred because the smoker *relied* on a misrepresentation, and that injury *would have been avoided* if the misrepresentation had not occurred. Common sense suggests that juries will be highly sceptical of such arguments.

Previous suits have attempted to establish smoking as the cause of death or illness. The tobacco companies have had little difficulty in fighting off such actions, pointing to the presence of any number of contributory factors.

Claims about nicotine "spiking" have been fiercely defended. Earlier this year, Philip Morris filed a $10 billion lawsuit against the ABC television network for a programme in which it was alleged that the company added nicotine to its products.

Lawsuits are ten-a-penny in America, and it is impossible to predict where the current wave of actions will lead. Paul Beaufrere, of James Capel, points out that the clock has only just starting ticking on a notoriously long and drawn-out process. "The actions are in their very early stages," he says. "It could be months, if not years, before they are brought to trial or conclusion. Quite clearly there is a lot of posturing going on, with the state attorney-generals trying to get as much mileage out of it as they can."

The tobacco companies are characteristically upbeat. As BAT puts it: "Class actions often rely on putting on pressure to settle. If anyone thinks the tobacco companies are going to be pressured into a settlement, they're reading the wrong script."

Attacks against smokers continue on all fronts. RJ Reynolds is under fire over its Old Joe Camel character who hangs out in a nightclub called Joe's Place, cigarette jauntily in mouth. A survey found that 91 per cent of six-year-olds recognised Joe — putting him narrowly behind Mickey Mouse in the national psyche. The US Supreme Court has recently refused to block a lawsuit accusing RJ Reynolds and two advertising agencies of improperly targeting minors with the campaign. They are accused of trying to encourage teenagers to take up smoking.

The outlook in America may be bleak, but there is plenty of fresh territory to be conquered. An explosion of growth in Eastern Europe and the Far East is more than making up for anti-smoking trends in the developed nations of the West. About 450 billion cigarettes are smoked in America a year — less than 10 per cent of the 5,300 billion smoked worldwide. The total market in the former Eastern bloc countries alone is estimated at about 700 billion cigarettes. On the steppes of Russia and China, Marlboro Man is still firmly in the saddle.

Plenty of fizz left in battle of the colas

Coke and Pepsi are under pressure, but are resilient fighters, says **Stephan Buck**

When Sainsbury launched its own-label Classic Cola in April this year to take on the might of the brand leaders, Coca-Cola and Pepsi, it set up a potentially explosive situation in the cola market.

The importance of the move was not so much its direct impact, since Sainsbury, although the largest grocery retailer in Britain, is responsible for less than 10 per cent of Coca-Cola's total sales, taking into account the impulse market consumed out of home. So, even a substantial fall in the Coke share in Sainsbury stores would not have been more than an irritant. The problem for the premium brands was that if Sainsbury's initiative succeeded, it was almost bound to spark off imitators.

The success of Classic Cola is unquestionable. Before it was introduced, Coke and Pepsi together took about four times as much revenue as own-label within Sainsbury. Now, Classic accounts for almost twice as much expenditure as Coke and Pepsi combined and the difference is considerably greater if we look at volume figures. Furthermore, Classic has now been on sale for more than six months, and, leaving aside week-to-week fluctuation associated with promotions, the relative shares seem reasonably stable. So, with this example before them, who else has got on the bandwagon?

The answer is almost everybody, although in a variety of ways. Virgin Cola has drawn the most publicity, and its recent launch has certainly made a major impact on the market, but it is by no means the only new challenger to Coke and Pepsi. For instance, Safeway introduced Select Cola at the beginning of November, and its own-label sales rose from just over 10 per cent to more than 40 per cent. Similarly, in the past few months, Asda own-label cola has moved from about 8 per cent to a quarter of its market.

Virgin is, of course, a brand in its own right, intended to sell through many retailers. Virgin Cola was launched in the second half of November, and Taylor Nelson AGB market researchers now have sales data for its first two weeks. In Tesco, Virgin's largest outlet, it took about 40 per cent of cola sales, in spite of competing with Coke, Pepsi and Tesco's own brand. Before Virgin's launch, Coca-Cola had about two-thirds of the market in Tesco. After the launch, it fell to a third. In all, Superpanel reports that Virgin now has 9 per cent of the take-home cola market. Moreover, these are early days; Virgin is increasing its distribution through Iceland and the independent trade.

The full effects of these developments on Pepsi and Coke are shown in the table. Before Sainsbury introduced Classic Cola, the two leading brands had more than 80 per cent of the market for take-home cola between them. Two months later, that share had fallen to 70 per cent and since the launch of Virgin, it is down to 63 per cent.

It is clear that the new developments in the cola market cannot be dismissed as unimportant or as a flash in the pan. Both Coke and Pepsi are under pressure of a type they have never faced in this country before. However, both companies are superbly professional marketers and highly resilient, with special strengths in the impulse market outside the big supermarket chains. They may also be consoled by the fact that the brand wars have increased the volume sales of cola by about 20 per cent in recent months. We are not at the end of this story yet.

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SHARE OF SPEND IN THE TAKE-HOME COLA MARKET

	March '94 %	May '94 %	2 Weeks Ending 4 Dec. '94 %
Coke & Pepsi	82	71	63
Own Label	10	21	22
Virgin	0	0	9
Other Brands	8	8	6
	100	100	100

Source: Taylor Nelson AGB Superpanel

Labour needs to encourage enterprise, says **Magnus Linklater**

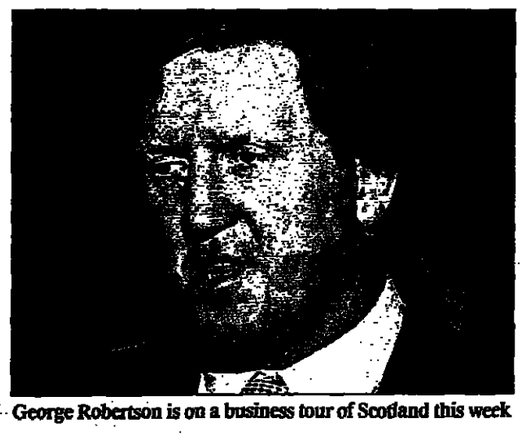
What Scotland needs to do

This week, George Robertson, Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland, set off on the equivalent of the prawn cocktail circuit, visiting Scottish boardrooms to persuade suspicious executives that Labour's plans for constitutional change carry no risk to a steadily recovering economy.

He chose the Bank of Scotland as his first port of call, and by all accounts the discussions went well. Over the next few weeks, he will be talking to other business leaders, including some who, barely a year ago, would have thrown him and his devolutionary ideas unceremoniously into the street. This change of heart has not come about because of any great political conversion.

Business opinion remains largely against constitutional reform because it carries the threat of instability. But two things have taken place over the past year to soften attitudes. The first is the realisation that Labour is serious about introducing a Scottish parliament. The second is that business confidence has grown sufficiently to make those responsible for the health of Scotland's economy want a say in what should happen if it is to be made to work.

They have, of course, been encouraged by assurances from the Labour leadership that there is no intention to change the corporate tax structure or to disadvantage Scottish business in any way. But they are also opening a dialogue from a position of relative strength. On Tuesday, Allan Stewart, the Scottish industry minister, announced yet another monthly fall in unemployment figures for Scotland and said that that they provided "further confirmation of a broad based recovery" that would continue into 1995.



George Robertson is on a business tour of Scotland this week

That recovery has been maintained throughout most of the year, and has often been stronger than the UK average, and though there have been some worrying slips in certain sectors, the confidence now regularly being reported from Scottish boardrooms is beginning to be infectious. One leading banker told me recently that he saw "no clouds" on the horizon, a bold statement from one whose reputation for canniness is legendary.

The latest quarterly economic commentary from Fraser of Allander, the economic monitoring organisation, says that the pace of growth is going to quicken into next year, with output in the production and construction industries growing at just under 1 per cent, marginally ahead of the UK average; the Labour Force Survey claims that numbers in work rose in Scotland year on year by 1.4 per cent, or 31,000, while in Britain, they were up by only 0.7 per cent.

Although these statistics and others like them continue to sound good, it is worth pointing out the weaknesses as well as the strengths of an economy that is in many ways very different from that of the rest of the UK. Tables of top-performing Scottish companies and their bosses, produced by *The Scotsman* and the magazine *Business Insider*, tell a story of remarkable performances in the financial sector, with banks and life assurance companies heading the lists; they reveal the continuing boom in electronics, which has grown 80 per cent in the past four years, and is now a large industry, with a workforce experienced and skilled in everything from personal computers to automated banking machines; there is evidence of good suporting performances from textiles, oil refining and nuclear fuels; the construction idustry has begun to pull back.

There is little sign, however, that Scotland has yet created a new manufacturing base to take the place of the traditional industries that were once its backbone. As a hard-hitting report from the Scottish CBI noted this year, there has been a material erosion in Scotland's indigenous manufacturing strength and its contribution to the economy. The success of the electronics industry masks the sluggish state of the non-electronics sector, which has fallen 14 per cent since 1990.

"Local sourcing" of production components, assessed more than 14 years ago as being about 15 per cent, is today only 2 per cent higher. For some reason, the entrepreneurial flair that has made expatriate Scots such a force abroad, has not emerged significantly in Scotland itself. Despite some noted exceptions, the number of small and medium-sized businesses being created north of the border lags well behind the figure in England.

What Scotland needs to do is play from strength and target its manufacturing industries at specialised markets. It has to create niche opportunities abroad, improve its research and training facilities, and encourage the entrepreneurial skills that are probably there but remain stubbornly untapped. Mr Robertson should use his time between courses in the boardroom not just to make reassuring noises about tax but to explain how Labour plans to encourage Scottish enterprise and give small businesses the same confidence that is being shown by their more established colleagues.

BUSINESS LETTERS

The unemployed will always be with us

From John Allan May

Sir, Alas, your optimism (The end is nigh for the age of mass unemployment, November 17) is unjustified, at least if you are also looking forward to a general rise in the standard of living.

1. Unemployment is falling only because the amount of part-time work is increasing.
2. There is no new mass-employment industry or service in the offing. The steam engine was followed by the internal combustion engine, gas by electricity, radio by TV, liners by airliners, holidays in Brighton by fun in the distant sun, orchestral music by pop music and so on and on. Now the microchip really does cut down on employment.
3. While there will continue to be hundreds of thousands of wealthy people, the gap between them and the hard-up will widen.
4. Although your graphs will look good and appear to be reflecting the commercial rhythms of the past, the facts of life will be very different for millions and millions. As a consequence demand will not increase sufficiently to fund general prosperity.
5. Already millions of elderly people find their incomes falling while their total taxation is increasing. I'm past 80 and my only recent increase has been 25p a week on my state pension. There'll be more and more people like me, and for us, the part-timers and the jobless the world will still be in recession.

JOHN ALLAN MAY,
Danes Close,
Oxshott, Surrey.

Under the hood

From Mr G Lee

Sir, Jonathan Chaytor (December 2) failed to mention another manufacturer of Merlin aero-engines. During my National Service as a flight mechanic, many was the time, on removing the cowlings from a Spitfire, that I saw the name "Buick" stamped on engine-blocks. These engines were usually very clean and oil-free as the crank cases were made of cast-iron, unlike the R-Rs which were alloy.

Yours faithfully,
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BANKS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Nat	407	+1	4.8	13.7
314	233	Allied Irish	249	+1	5.1	9.8
278¾	171	ANZ New Z	202	+4	6.2	..
3300	2462½	Bank America	2625	+12½	..	..
247	172½	Bank Scotland	204	-2	3.3	11.5
640	487	Barclays	592	+1	3.5	18.3
319	246	Bk of Ireland	286	..	5.0	8.3
2812½	2262½	Citicorp	2706¼	+31¼	..	..
285½	203	Close Bros	229	..	4.1	..
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£132¼	+146¼	6.1	..
1297½	1056½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1168¾	+21½	0.5	..
£344¾	£270¾	Deutsche Bk	£292¼	+46¾	2.3	..
1315¾	787½	Espirito Santo	815¾	..	4.7	4.1
90	59	First Nat Fin	59	..	3.2	..
1549¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1340¾	+28¾	0.4	..
473	209	Hambros	234	-4	8.0	14.4
1113	680	HSBC	697	+5	4.4	10.1
1133	664	HSBC HK	689	+7	4.4	10.0
443	400	Joseph (L)	410	..	5.4	11.9
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	519	-22	4.6	9.1
660	519	Lloyds	546	-3	5.3	10.7
620½	472	Nat Aust Bk	587	+6	8.9	..
622	421	Nat West	498	-3	4.8	8.3
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2150	..	6.8	..
79	53	Rea Bros	61	..	1.9	17.1
538	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	395½	-3	4.3	9.8
1574	1050	Schroders	1418	-20	1.6	13.0
1458	1043	Schroders NV	1293	-20	1.8	11.8
114	75	Singer & Fried	87	..	4.5	11.2
359¼	223	Stand Chart	275	+13	2.9	9.4
291	197	TSB	230½	-1½	4.4	11.6
1012	569	Warburg SG	698	-99	3.8	12.8
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	9350	-47½	2.9	..
260	194	Westpac	224½	+1½	2.4	..
390	203	Wintrust	213	..	6.0	14.2

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
10¼	1½	Ascot Hldgs	1½	..	..	..
619	485	Bass	517	-3	5.2	12.7
298	248	Boddington	252	+1	4.1	13.6
196	168	Burtonwd Brwr	177	..	3.6	14.8
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	160	..	3.3	..
66	49½	Fosters Brewing	55	+2	5.4	..
483	345	Fuller Smi 'A'	346	..	2.9	14.2
511	399	Greenalls Gp	437	+4	3.8	21.3
584	452	Greene King	514	-9	3.2	14.2
265	239	Hardy Hanson	241	..	6.0	..
170	135	Heavitree	150	..	3.4	13.5
3773	3125	Holt J	3413	..	1.8	18.8
246	195	Mansfield	238	+1	2.5	14.3
314	256	Marston Thmpt	292	..	2.6	14.2
545	463	Morland	470	-2	2.8	..
10½	6½	Pacmount	7¼	..	3.4	..
303	209	Regent Inns	298	..	2.3	22.9
1665¾	1000	SA Breweries	1456¼	..	2.0	22.6
591	477	Scot & New	491	-2	4.5	13.9
306	225	Vaux Group	225	-2	5.6	13.9
439	324½	Wetherspoon JD	434	+1	1.9	23.9
617	494	Whitbread	536	+2	4.5	14.6
589	493	Wolverhmptn D	514	..	3.4	13.5
194	148	Yates Brost	188	-2	2.0	33.2
535	465	Young 'A'	465	..	4.0	19.7

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	130	Abbey	130	..	5.0	9.5
200	148	Allen	161	..	4.3	19.1
164	66	Amec	67	..	5.6	38.7
127	47	Andrews Sykes	127	..	..	..
462	333	Ashtead	403	-2	1.7	25.5
191	101	Avonside	104	..	5.3	12.2
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	34	..	2.6	20.8
86	18½	Barcom	38	-3	..	..
292	139	Barratt Devs	150	+5	5.0	11.6
169	122½	Beazer Homes	138½	+1½	5.3	10.1
304	179	Bellway	181	+1	4.8	..
59	31	Bellwinch	31	..	..	27.3
573	326	Berkeley Gp	326	..	2.8	13.5
215	118	Birr Brost	179	..	3.1	5.5
355	210	Boot (Henry)	218	..	3.8	10.7
85	35	Braidon Hire	82	..	2.3	..
236	160	Br Bldg & Engr	160	..	6.2	10.0
197½	118	Bryant	122	+3½	5.1	13.7
145½	106	CALA	106	-1	3.3	14.6
54	31	Campbell & Arm	35	..	..	..
62	44	Clarke T	49	..	3.2	41.6
42	20½	Costain	21½	-½	..	..
185	108	Countryside	108	-1	5.0	..
120	74	Crest Nicholson	74	..	2.7	13.7
140	98	Cussons	98	..	4.3	11.6
30	19	Esmond Hldgs	#21	..	1.8	..
473	288	Eve Group	290	..	4.8	11.7
60	34	Gallford	35	..	4.8	..
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	88	..	3.3	..
1026	823	Gleeson (MJ)	828	..	2.1	14.2
86	71	Green (Emcl)	86	..	8.7	26.5
191	131	Havelock Europ	173	..	2.2	15.8
169	138	Hewden-Stuart	139	..	2.7	16.0
144	86	Higgs & Hill	89	+1	3.5	..
32	20	Howard Hldgs	22	..	4.5	20.5
25	6	Jarvis	11	..	..	..
128	104	Keller	113	..	4.2	13.1
328	204	Laing (J)	217	+1	5.2	19.6
[illegible]	90½	Laing 6¼% Cv Pf	93	..	8.5	..
145	115	Lon Clydeside	122	..	4.9	16.9
173	53	Lovell (YJ)	60	-7	2.1	..
253	156	Maunders (J)	215	..	3.2	..
221	154	McAlpine (A)	154	..	5.3	22.6
78¾	58¾	McCarthy & S	63	..	..	..
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	97	..	2.6	..
375½	185	Persimmon	192	-2	5.3	13.7
2109¾	1450	Poclain	2109¾	..	1.9	21.1
198	125	Prowting	125	..	7.6	19.0
116	44½	Raine Inc	47½	-½	9.4	9.2
132	94	Redrow	101	-1	3.3	10.0
67	50	Smith-Rue	58	..	1.6	27.2
585	233	Sherriff Hldgs	252	-1	1.9	..
112	67½	Shorco	110	..	4.2	15.4
245	195	Smart (J)	214	-1	5.0	22.5
280	155½	Spanders	255	..	1.2	30.5
257	151	Tay Homes	153	-1	5.1	11.7
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	121	-1	1.8	29.6
760	538	Tilbury Dougls	564	-4	7.3	43.2
60	36	Torex Hire	55	..	2.0	28.7
40½	21	Try Group	21	..	3.8	..
129	90	Wainopine	109	..	4.3	19.6
170	115	Wainhomes	115	-1	5.3	12.4
74	48	Ward Hldgs	51	..	1.2	..
225½	132	Westbury	136	-2	5.0	12.4
7½	3¾	Wiggins	5¼	..	..	..
259	154	Wilson (C)	156	+1	3.4	12.9
571	313	Wilson Bowdn	313	..	3.8	14.0
249	125	Wimpey G	127	..	5.2	19.0

BUILDING MATERIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
27	12	Allbrighton	14	..	4.5	13.3
341	283	Alumasc	338	..	2.2	..
65¾	43½	Amberley Gp	49	..	3.2	26.7
363	274	BPB Indt	282	..	3.7	14.5
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	124	..	3.2	..
60	31	Bardon	31½	..	7.9	..
244	125	Benstord Intl	210	+2	0.3	..
93	58	Blockleys	86	+7	1.7	..
391	282	Blue Circle	285	-5	5.3	18.8
117	77	Breedon PLC	79	..	7.3	22.6
154	128	Br Dredging	131	..	5.3	15.8
409	321	CRH	335	+2	2.9	17.0
70	31	Cakebread Rby	38	..	4.1	..
278	198	Capel	199	..	6.9	12.6
456	224	Caradon	240	+6	4.6	15.9
215½	114	Caradon pf	122½	+4½	7.4	..
62	46	Chelfain Gp	54	..	8.1	10.8
134	89	Dyson (J&J)	104	..	4.2	15.7
97	67	Dyson 'A'	67	-1	6.5	10.1
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	10	..	2.3	..
350	273	Epwin	275	..	3.6	18.3
82	57	Erith	56	-1	3.0	32.7
278	160	Graham Grp	168	..	3.4	16.1
399	337	Halstead (J)	344	..	2.7	15.9
511	284	Hepworth	301	+4	6.2	17.1
88	46	Hewetson	85	..	2.2	14.7
205	85	Hewitt (J)	135	..	2.2	..
473	257	Heywd Wlm	257	..	6.6	14.5
100	67	Ibstock	76	..	1.6	..
294	148	Johnston	262	-1	2.1	31.5
170	108	Lilleshall	108	..	5.4	11.3
213½	129	Marley	132	+1	4.0	15.6
155	136	Marshalls	133	-1	4.3	11.7
569	343	Meyer Intl	345	+2	3.9	13.4
196	146	Newman Tnks	167	-4	4.8	21.1
212½	104	Norcros	104	..	8.7	19.1
20	9	Phoenix Timber	11	..	..	..
208	156	Pilkington	159	..	3.1	30.6
185	126	Polypipe	131½	..	2.2	15.1
1079	805	RMC Gp	941	-23	2.8	19.4
40	16	Ramus	17	..	..	..
840	435½	Redland	434	-1	7.2	20.1
108	70	Roskel	98	..	5.5	..
185½	102½	Rugby Group	106	+3½	4.1	13.4
103	62	Russell (A)	89	..	3.2	18.3
288	222	SIG	255	..	2.7	20.6
21	16	SWP	16½	..	1.5	23.0
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	177	..	3.1	13.0
81½	42	Spring Ram	43½	..	1.4	..
208	113	Tarmac	117½	+2	5.9	..
220	160	Tilon	161	..	3.6	..
370	274	Travis Perkins	286	..	3.6	17.6
28	21	Tudor	23	..	1.4	..
54	33	Unigroup	36	..	..	..
63	33	Waterhouse	48	..	..	..
129	87	Wickes	90	..	1.8	30.2
975	705	Wolseley	752	+3	2.8	14.8

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3¼	1½	Anglo Utd	2	..	..	..
110	73	App Holo	86	..	..	..
165	107	Allwoods	120½	..	5.2	..
11	6¾	Bailey (CH)	6¾	..	..	..
48	30	Black Arrow	46	+2	8.4	7.3
124	70	Br Bloodstock	74	..	..	66.4
13	5½	Camf Gp	5½	..	..	16.0
10½	4½	Chemex	6½	..	..	..
157	109	Cosalt	140	..	7.1	9.9
237	188	Filofax	217	..	1.2	18.6
50	28	Headway	44	+2	2.0	34.2
282	234	Hozelock	254	+1	3.7	..
248	163	Leigh	163	..	6.0	15.1
274	214	Mobo Gp	224	..	3.3	14.4
310	207	Photo-Me	256	+4	2.3	26.7
60	38	Platt & Gent	55	-1	4.0	..
185	82	Plantsbrook	173	..	2.5	20.4
12½	5½	Porth Group	8	..	..	..
51½	5½	Rodime	10	..	..	..
120	78	Shanks & McEwan	79	..	3.1	..
244	174	Sinclair (Wm)	183	..	4.9	14.1
700	396	Waste Mgt Intl	396	-4	..	15.0

CHEMICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156¼	115½	Allied Colloids	122	+1	2.5	17.2
790	705	Amber Indt	780	..	3.4	15.5
£140¾	£106½	BASF DM	£124¼	+87½	7.5	..
767	627	BOC	709	-3	4.4	26.8
373	281	BTP	289	+2	4.5	18.0
£160¾	£129¾	Bayer DM50	£141¾	+309¼	8.3	..
131	98	Brent Chems	102½	..	4.9	..
309	219	Br Vita	228	..	4.1	17.0
25	18	Cambridge Iso	19	..	..	..
199	153	Canning (W)	182	..	5.0	30.8
580	420	Courtaulds	443	+8	4.2	30.2
389	327	Croda	368	+3	2.9	15.8
143	95	Doeflex	131	..	4.4	13.2
68½	35½	Euro Colour	38	-½	3.0	16.6
149	110	Gibbon	120	+2	5.8	10.8
223	126	Hickson	126	-1	7.9	11.3
£153¼	£106¾	Hoechst	£130¾	+268¾	5.8	..
250	153½	Holliday Chem	203	..	2.7	16.6
868	727	ICI	736½	-½	4.7	59.5
191¼	108	Kalon	108½	..	5.1	10.3
843	675	Laporte	689	+9	3.8	17.4
95	48	MTM	82	..	0.8	..
405	292	Manders	292	-3	4.3	14.2
127	100	McLeod Russell	113	..	6.9	..
128	61	Metrotect	68	..	6.5	9.0
679½	358¼	Montedison	447	+¾	4.4	20.7
349	265	Porvair	290	..	1.9	21.8
272	186	Scapa	193½	-1	3.8	15.7
66	29	Satcliffe Speak	29	..	3.0	17.1
852½	656	Takeda Chem	759¼	+3¼	0.8	14.2
490	337	Wardle Storeys	340	..	6.3	18.9
230	191	Wellington Hdg	191	..	3.4	18.5
823	570	Wolstenholme R	730	..	3.0	16.6
483	345	Yorks Chem	353	..	3.9	15.2
330	258	Yule Catto	280	+3	2.8	21.3

DISTRIBUTORS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	108	AB Lots	107	-1	4.9	..
300	248	Acatt	298	..	2.9	16.1
575	353	Adam & Harvey	573	+13	3.4	7.2
31	21	Alexanders	21	..	3.0	19.5
175	114	Appleyard	114	..	8.4	20.1
6	3¼	Ass Br Eng	4½	..	1.4	58.8
578	495	BSS Group	519	..	4.4	18.1
25½	17	Bearing Power	22	..	6.0	..
405	249	Bletchley Mtr	265	+4	4.9	10.9
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28	..	3.1	9.5
370	288	Bunzl	345	..	4.7	19.2
31	15½	Bridgend Gp	16	..	1.6	..
99	78	Brit Fittings	82	..	3.4	..
71	41	Brown & Tawse	41	-1	..	..
57	35	Burndene	40	..	6.2	11.7
465	245	Callyns	268	..	5.4	18.1
59	24½	Castell Pict	26	..	3.3	14.4
130	84	Central Mtr	88	..	5.0	21.8
51	32½	Cook (DC)	39	..	3.7	11.8
342½	197½	Cowie	209	+1	5.5	10.4
192½	127	Dag Motors	138	..	5.9	15.9
683	446	Dewhurst B	583	..	1.4	16.6
628	420	Diploma	420	-1	4.0	..
589	443	Electrocompnt	454	-3	2.8	19.8
175	133	Electron House	151	..	2.6	15.6
283	225	Ellis & Everard	283	..	3.6	19.4
234	201	Eurodollar	204	-1	5.2	16.0
173	108	European Mtr	110	-1	5.1	12.0
539¾	395	Evans Halshaw	400	..	4.4	12.6
656	490¾	Farnell Elec	517	-1	1.9	21.2
78	50	Fife Indmar	60	..	5.7	8.8
34	16½	Gardiner	16½	..	5.7	7.8
46	19	Glencheviss	19½	..	..	21.5
99	60	Gowrings	71	..	3.5	21.5
76	59	Hatton Hldgs	72	-1	..	56.2
181	122	Harris (Philip)	141	..	6.1	12.4
342½	266½	Henlys	272½	..	3.4	14.6
191	86	Holders Tech	92	..	8.2	10.0
138	110	ISA Intl	110	..	1.9	13.7
609	395	Inchcape	428	-11	4.4	14.2
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	..	..	13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	157	..	3.3	18.0
573	292	Lex Service	292	..	5.7	11.2
282	162	Lookers	194	..	4.4	12.1
20	14	Malaya Grp	14½	..	2.2	..
9	3½	Middlesex ●	8½	..	..	..
440	279	Norbain	423	-2	0.7	20.3
100	47	Northamber	91	..	1.8	38.4
175	152	PCT	152	..	6.1	14.7
310	232	Pendragon	255	..	3.7	16.8
238	161	Perry Gp	161	..	5.4	8.8
218	133	Quicks Group	133	..	4.9	14.0
183	97	REA	158	..	4.7	32.7
5¼	2½	Reece	2½	..	..	..
24	4	Ross Gp	4½	..	5.6	..
42	32½	SEP Ind	34	..	3.9	..
44	31	TLS Range	37	..	3.4	14.9
365	215	Time Products	235	..	4.7	15.8
221	151	Vardy (Reg)	151	..	3.8	14.3
335	245	Wholesale Ftgs	245	..	6.0	..
30½	13½	Wills Gp	14½	+1	4.3	8.1
68	39½	Wilsdown	68	+½	1.2	22.9
68	40	Wyko	56	..	1.1	..
96	61	Young (H)	68	..	6.6	..

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	148	Adwest	158	-1	6.0	15.9
380	199½	Antofagasta	343	..	1.3	27.7
62	48	Armour	48½	..	4.6	10.1
988	773½	Broken Hill	918	+1	2.4	35.3
401	273	BTR	276	-1	5.7	14.6
570	372	BAT	430	-1	6.0	11.3
91	49	Bibby (J)	67	+1	5.8	..
57½	44	Brierley Inv	46¼	+½	9.6	..
836	636½	Charter	800	+1	3.6	22.8
285	226½	Cookson	240	..	3.4	21.7
302	217½	Hanson	228½	-½	6.4	17.7
220	142	Harrison Crsfld	145	+1	7.8	16.5
365¼	239¼	Hutch Whamp	260¾	+8½	2.2	18.5
710	409¼	Jardine Math	467½	+5¼	3.1	10.6
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	30	..	4.2	29.8
175½	124½	Lonrho	149	-½	3.4	40.9
44	16	Porter Chadburn	40	-2	..	..
705	513	Powell Duffryn	524	..	6.2	14.9
164	118½	Ropner	138	+1	7.3	14.5
489	337	Rothmans	447	+4	5.4	21.7
34½	9½	Saltire ▲	12	..	..	4.6
163½	105	Sime Darby ▼	133	+1½	3.3	16.9
267	177	Staveley	177	-1	6.0	51.7
330	155	Suter	155½	..	7.5	15.0
288	230	TT Group	232	..	..	..
283	202	Tomkins	207½	-3½	4.4	13.3
124	69	Trafalgar H	73½	+1½	1.7	..
440	235	Unitas	235	..	3.6	15.2
324	246½	Wassall	275	+2	1.6	23.6
13½	9½	Widney	10	..	2.6	..
414½	309	Williams Hldg	310	-7	5.3	19.1

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
894¼	610½	East Midlands	798	+29	4.0	63.0
866	566	Eastern Grp	786	-2	4.1	16.6
753	534	London Elec	736	+4	4.2	11.1
871	635	Manweb	855	+24	4.0	10.1
845½	547	Midlands Elec	806	+32	3.8	12.7
520	404½	National Powr	461	-3	3.6	12.6
1049	583	Northern Elec	984	-26	3.5	12.2
421	329	Nthn Ireland	362	-15	4.1	9.9
850	587	Norweb	791	-9	3.9	10.3
662	449	PowerGen	492	-1	3.5	10.6
477	367	Hydro-Elect	357	-1	5.0	10.2
496	325	Scottish Power	337	-6	4.8	10.5
469	299	Seeboard	462	+15	3.4	12.2
843	591	Sth Wales	834½	+7½	4.4	11.2
862	551	Sth Western	857	+14	3.7	11.2
[illegible]	540	Southern Elec	792	+6	3.9	11.4
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	747	+6	3.9	14.5

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
109	63	Acorn Comp	98	..	..	..
650	478	Admiral	635	..	1.3	19.5
198	163	Alba	196	..	3.3	15.2
250	126½	Amstrad	132	..	2.4	..
39	24	Arlen	33	+1	..	..
94½	78	Astec	83¼	+½	1.4	17.1
281	118	Adart	136	..	2.6	11.0
478	325	BICC	339	+3	7.1	21.4
283	239	Beales Hunter	244	..	5.0	..
15	7	Berkeley Bus	7½	..	..	..
535	402	Bick	420	..	3.5	..
380	280	Bowthorpe	285	+1	3.1	16.4
21½	14½	Belgio (AF) 'A'	16½	..	1.9	9.6
283	208	CML Micro	208	-3	3.6	13.3
35½	20½	Chloride	20½	..	0.6	56.4
180	81	Copyrnoor	170	+10	3.2	..
202	148½	Cray Elect	155	+1½	1.8	18.1
467	412	Crichley	463	..	2.3	19.5
388	269	Dania Bs Syst	300	..	0.7	22.0
586	430	Delta	454	..	4.0	19.4
560	400	Domino	555	..	1.9	23.9
78	63	Dowding Mills	69	..	4.6	35.2
1635	1220	Druck	1465	..	0.9	27.3
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3131¼	+31¼	1.7	53.6
38½	21	Emess	23	..	0.4	..
4040¾	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3525	+75	1.1	30.7
86	56	Eurocopy	71	-1	3.8	..
451	343	Eurotherm	389	-1	1.5	23.0
402	334½	Fairey Group	398	+1	2.0	21.1
263	180	Forward Gp	183	-5	3.8	11.3
58	14½	Forward Tech	40	..	3.1	8.3
353½	259	GEC	264	-1	5.2	13.1
191	102	Gestetner	103	..	2.0	..
191	119	Graseby	142	..	5.3	13.3
193	121	Ind Control	138	..	4.5	11.6
385	333	Kenwood Appl ▲	323	-1	3.6	15.8
890	730	Kershaw (A)	890	..	3.9	41.0
185	38	Kode	58	..	8.6	..
56	44	LPA Ind	44	-1	4.5	..
330	250	MTL Inst	299	..	1.8	18.0
281	210	Memtec-Sw	249	..	2.1	19.4
45	31	Microvitec	35	..	..	17.5
494	185	Mitel	208	..	..	..
148	109	Murray Enr ▼	114	..	2.3	..
31	19	Orbis	21	..	3.7	..
91	63	Pacer Systems	63	-1	7.0	22.8
98	74½	Pearl	82½	..	5.2	20.8
2175	1400	Philips Lmp nv	1868¾	-19¾	1.0	8.6
£115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£110	..	5.2	..
359	293	Pilco	353	..	1.6	24.2
344	283	Pilco 'A' Vtg	331	..	1.7	22.7
140	70	Plasmec	120	..	3.9	..
129	90	Pressac ▼	95	..	3.7	18.3
43½	17½	Presmctr	24	..	..	..
303	181	Psion	250	..	1.5	17.5
361	187	Racal Elect	209	-5	2.7	17.0
53	33	Radamec	45	..	5.3	13.3
311	226	Roxboro	239	+2	2.4	17.5
89	15	Scantronic	20½	..	5.1	..
49	34	Silverlines	38	-1	2.7	22.6
94	61	Soundtracks	61	..	4.9	13.8
104	38	Stna Bus	38	..	12.2	5.9
19	9½	TDS Circuits	9½	..	..	..
3225	2265½	TDK	2950	-18¾	1.1	..
447	364	Tadpole Tech	382	+4	..	..
170	77	Telemetrix	77	-1	1.6	9.8
101	51	TGI	91	-1	3.1	16.8
349	191	Telspec	344	..	0.3	41.6
246	133	Thorpe FW	230	..	1.7	16.8
43	22	Total Systems	36	..	..	37.4
370	215	Tunstall	256	..	1.9	..
364	256	Unitech	351	..	2.3	27.4
16	8½	Verity	9	..	..	24.2
483	388	Volex	389	..	6.0	16.0
200	60	Walesbourne	78	..	..	..
162	93	Whitecroft	161	..	2.7	25.4

ENGINEERING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
185	119	AIM	166	..	3.4	44.3
138	60	APV	61	..	9.0	..
220	157	ASW	215	+20	3.7	..
126	20½	Aero Hamble	31	..	15.1	3.1
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	16	..	5.9	45.4
73	27½	Alvis	41	-1	3.1	..
175	143	Ash & Lacy	143	..	5.6	14.8
553	490	Atlas Equip	548	..	5.0	12.3
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	121	..	1.5	14.3
51	24½	BM Gp	44¼	+1	..	..
40½	26	Babcock	28	..	..	..
176	132	BWI	135	..	6.2	30.7
88	64	Baynes (Charles)	84	..	2.6	21.5
95	23	Beauford	35	..	..	..
226	110	Billam (J)	111	..	6.0	6.9
329	262	Bodycote	311	..	2.2	21.2
75	43	Boon Inds	70	..	..	..
20	15	Brasway	16	..	4.1	16.3
171	120	Bridport	157	..	3.2	..
578½	388½	Br Aerospace	428	+½	2.6	37.6
172½	121½	Br Steel	157	+½	2.8	19.0
125	86½	Brockhouse Ind	92	..	6.1	11.7
18¾	9½	Brooke Tool	12½	..	..	..
186	135	Bullough	158	..	4.8	26.0
79	55	Bumfield	73	..	3.2	31.3
22	14	Cl Group	14	..	2.7	..
293	247	Carclo Eng	259	..	4.4	16.9
156	110	Castings	143	..	2.5	17.6
230	150	Chamberlin Hill	150	..	5.6	9.5
360	272	Chemring	298	..	4.2	..
296½	180	Clyde Blowers	181	..	3.1	..
334	235	Cobham	327	..	3.0	16.3
655	403	Cohen (A)	635	..	0.8	..
263	178	Concentric	183	..	4.2	..
310	233	Cook (Wm)	235	+1	4.0	11.1
296	188	David Brown	219	..	3.7	15.4
97	70	Dobson Park	75	-3	6.5	..
442	364	ESI	380	-1	4.1	15.3
101	69	Elliott (B)	99	..	2.5	14.8
118	60	Expamet	89	..	3.7	63.1
212	149	FKI	150	..	3.5	17.3
148	109	Fenner	137	..	1.4	..
45	31	Ferrum	31	..	..	..
88	73	GEI Intl	74	..	4.2	13.5
134	91	Garton Eng	122	..	4.7	..
404	321	Glynwed	335	+3	4.3	19.6
14½	10	Graystone	12½	..	2.4	10.6
85	61	Haden MacLn	72	..	3.5	18.6
131	90	Hadleigh	129	..	2.4	14.6
320	143	Hall Eng	170	..	5.9	13.3
256	204	Halma	216	-3	1.5	25.2
73	47	Hampson Ind	56	..	4.6	10.4
48	26	Hay (Norman)	26	..	..	..
184½	132	Hill & Smith	134	+1	5.4	14.5
63	39	Hopkinsons	52	..	3.1	..
41	27	How Gp	34	..	2.8	..
103	78	Howden	86	..	3.5	14.1
265	157	Hunting	165½	+1½	7.6	23.6
513	402	Huntleigh Tec	438	..	1.5	30.0
379	286	IMI	318	+2	4.0	27.0
51	33½	Johnson & FB	40	+½	..	..
628	488	Johnson Matthy	548	-1	2.8	20.4
32	25	Jones Stroud	30	..	..	..
320	230	Kelsey Ind	292	..	3.4	..
265	205	Laird	264	..	3.3	16.5
20¾	11	Locker (T) A	11½	-½	4.3	..
49	35	ML Hdgs	35	-1	4.1	12.2
67	28	MS Intl	36	..	7.2	15.7
179	129	Mang Bronze	137	..	3.6	10.7
539	381¼	McKechnie	381¼	-10¼	4.8	22.4
120	71½	Meggitt	76½	-½	6.4	12.3
120	101	Metalrax	104	..	4.5	17.3
139	99	Metsec	131	..	2.9	18.2
589	502	Molins	502	..	3.8	10.1
408	310	Morgan Cruc	315	..	5.1	15.3
217	176	Morris Ashby	205	..	3.8	14.6
51	34	Neepsend	35	..	4.5	17.6
128	51	Neotronics	51	..	6.4	11.0
60	45	Newmark (L)	45	..	..	..
56¾	39	Ofd Ind ▼	39½	..	5.5	..
358	277	Oxford Inst	337	+2	1.9	19.8
341	218	Powerscreen	244	+6	3.8	10.3
23¼	13½	Prospect Inds	13½	..	7.7	7.0
108	60	Radiant Metal	73	..	..	..
71	13	Ransomes	59	-2	..	..
95	70	Record	84	..	5.4	18.9
281	243½	Renishaw	274	..	3.0	23.1
188	126	Renold	184	..	2.0	25.5
73	51	Richard (Leeds)	58	..	5.0	40.1
104½	76	Richardson Wst	77	..	5.3	16.9
304	181	Rolls-Royce	169½	-1½	3.7	29.9
195	156	Rotork	165	..	3.3	16.8
190	134	Rubicon	139	..	4.1	15.7
150½	72	Senior Eng	82	..	5.2	13.4
270	245	Servomex	266	..	3.1	28.4
630	500	Siebe	537	+2	2.7	17.1
130½	75	Simon Eng	87	..	..	..
82	35	Six Hundred	77	..	2.4	26.6
1459¾	1053¾	SKF 'B'	1078¾	+6¾	..	..
527¾	411	Smiths Ind	433	-3	3.8	16.7
485	337	Spirax-Sarco	453	..	2.7	19.3
267	197	Sterling Ind	228	..	3.9	14.6
455	343	TI	366	+1	3.9	20.2
121	92	Tinsley (E)	104	-3	8.9	15.6
105	45	Transfer Tech	60	+1	6.9	8.6
163	125	Triplex Lloyd	128	..	7.0	..
19½	12	Utd Inds ▼	16½	..	0.8	..
1548	980	VSEL	1345	..	3.3	12.6
31½	12	Vacon	15	..	..	..
204	163	Vickers	177	+1	2.5	18.7
327	230	Victaulic	230	..	4.4	12.6
19	9½	Villiers Grp	9½	..	..	..
530	451	Vinten	530	+2	1.9	13.9
805	661	Vosper Thornyc	722	+2	3.3	15.6
527	451	Wagon Ind	453	..	5.1	22.7
354¼	246½	Weir	274	+1	3.0	16.3
46½	37½	Wellman	41	..	3.1	66.3
548	365	Whatman	370	+5	3.5	13.6
264	90	Whessoe	126	+5	2.3	..

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
66	31	AAF Inds	34	..	..	..
160	108	Airflow Stream	159	..	3.1	15.6
639	474	Avon Rubber	479	..	4.4	..
236	173	BBA	200	+4	2.8	..
86¼	54	BSG	55½	+1½	7.2	34.7
18½	8½	Benson Group	9	..	4.6	12.4
306	180	Bostrom	300	..	2.5	17.1
28½	17	Boustead	23	..	5.5	..
22	11½	Caverdale	17½	-½	1.8	11.9
332	275	ERF	324	..	1.6	..
370	298	First Tech	370	+1	1.8	21.2
660	510½	GKN	602	-8	4.3	35.2
4387½	2337½	General Mtr	2437½	+37½	2.1	..
1239	918¾	Honda Motor	1091¾	+16	0.4	..
432½	331	Laird ▼	347	+1	3.9	16.8
350	233	Loades	345	..	..	..
239	158	Lucas	197	-1	4.4	..
64	50	Mayflower	50	-1	3.5	20.3
124	62	Midstates	62	-4	..	8.6
178	149	Syltone	161	-2	3.9	17.6
261	157	T & N	158	-1	8.6	13.8
333	283	Trinity Hldgs	315	+2	2.8	22.8

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	557	..	3.6	11.4
368	248	Acatos & Hutch	264	+14	4.4	..
74	40	Albert Fisher	45	+1	10.3	15.3
270	210	Banks (S C)	215	+3	5.7	8.2
383	305	Barr (AG)	383	+13	2.2	24.7
72	35	Bensons Crsp	38	..	7.1	..
481	378	Booker	401	+2	6.8	14.8
56½	48	Borthwick	49½	..	3.3	23.5
212	156	CPL Aromas	203	-1	1.8	19.4
545	395	Cadbury-Schw	395	-9	4.9	13.1
282	143	Carrs Milling	229	..	3.5	..
167	130	Cranswick	143	..	7.4	11.7
154	80	Dalepak	107	+1	1.6	..
543	389	Dalgety	417	-1	6.3	11.7
87	50	Daniels S	54	..	0.7	..
294	210	Devro	216	-1	3.6	14.6
101	52	Everest	65	..	4.8	24.4
8½	4½	Fairsglord	4¼	..	..	..
85	61	Finlay (James)	65	+1	8.0	8.8
30½	13	Global	14	-½	4.5	12.8
68	38	Grand Central	48	..	..	..
194	104	Hazlewood Fds	109	+2	7.7	6.8
196½	151	Hillsdown	175	+1	6.3	12.5
38	16	Hobson	27½	..	..	..
111	89	JLI Group	89	..	6.9	12.3
408	313	Linton Park	348	..	6.3	9.9
127	85	Matthews (B)	118	..	2.9	14.2
181	160	Man ED & F	170	..	6.4	9.2
246	205	Nichols (JN)	233	..	3.1	15.0
271½	193	Nthn Foods	212	+4	5.3	10.7
14	9	Nthnbm Fn	10½	-½	..	..
46	24	Pacoe's	24	-1	..	..
81	62	Perkins Food	67	..	8.3	11.2
96	73	Senby Farm	84	..	3.3	8.5
132	71	Sims Food	78	..	12.0	..
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	411	+6	4.4	9.4
238	145	Treats	202	..	2.5	16.5
434½	317	Unigate	336	..	6.5	9.2
1247	958	Unilever	1123	+13	2.8	16.2
8118¾	6496¾	Unilever (NV)	7240¾	+93¾	3.0	14.7
388	293½	Utd Biscuits	317	..	6.0	25.9
49	33	West Inst	37	+2	8.6	25.6
133	99	Yorkshire Food	103	..	4.0	12.2

HEALTHCARE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
544	325	AAH	336	..	6.7	11.8
1141	851	Amersham	852	-1	2.3	17.9
61	43	Amgen	51	..	..	..
297½	205	Assoc Nursg	208	..	1.4	12.1
393	243	Bespak	275	..	4.8	14.7
10	5	Care UK	5½	..	..	..
115	60	Celsis	74	..	..	..
151	88	Chiroscience	92	..	..	..
47	38	Cortecs	38	..	..	..
297	232	Community H	243	-1	4.1	14.0
44	39	CrestaCare	39	..	3.3	..
146	98	Enviromed	112	-5	1.8	..
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	..	3.3	..
171	134	Goldsborough	148	..	2.0	..
15½	9½	Greencare	10	..	4.2	13.3
165	39	Intercare Gp	45	+3	9.7	4.8
325	280	Isotron	280	..	2.1	..
171	107	Life Sciences	128	..	4.0	12.7
152¾	74	Lon Intl	85	-1	..	..
80	42	Nestor-BNA	48	..	8.6	11.4
3	1½	Premier Health	1½	..	..	..
330	227	Quality Care	253	..	2.2	14.7
210	123	Scholl	132	+1	8.1	12.7
363	275½	Seton Healthy ▼	313	..	2.7	16.0
83	44	Shield Diag	55	-1	..	..
159¼	136½	Smith & Neph	151¼	+1½	4.2	16.8
21	9	Specialeyes	9	..	..	..
222	192	Takare	200	..	1.3	17.4
313	245	UniChem ▼	259	..	3.3	13.9
400	294	West Hlthcare	340	..	1.7	..

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312	209	Airsprung	209	-1	2.9	13.9
193	115	BLP Group	151	..	0.8	41.4
39	26	Britton Bldrs	35	..	..	..
167	91	Cornell Plc 'A'	98	..	7.3	21.9
285	175	Creighton Nat	178	..	5.4	12.5
165	132	Denby Group	148	..	2.6	..
168	113	Gaskell	135	..	3.9	..
14	4½	Lionheart	4¾	..	5.3	..
231	166	Maxcom	185	-1	4.0	12.3
336	250	Ordamc Ind	275	-1	4.9	12.3
430	330	Osborne & Little	385	..	2.6	11.7
625	423	Paterson Zch	449	..	3.9	13.0
595	413	Paterson Zch 'A'	419	..	4.1	12.1
714¾	528	Reckitt Colm ▼	575	+10	3.9	14.5
297	211	Relyon	247	..	2.7	45.1
373	194	Silentnight	199	..	5.0	12.5
46	27½	Staddard	28½	+½	7.0	10.7
330	209	Tomkinson	209	..	6.9	..
160	125	Victoria Carpet	140	..	4.0	7.5
114	97	Walker Greenbk	106	..	4.0	18.9
63	44	Warland Wigmd	57	..	..	44.4
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	..	2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1432¾	937½	Alex & Alext	1212½	+12½	5.5	..
2043¾	1587½	Am Gen	1787¼	+25	4.2	..
112	84½	Angerstein	89	..	1.7	73.4
86	47	Archer	57	..	2.2	..
165	85	Brockstock	92	+2	8.1	..
565	370	Britannic	395	..	4.1	..
117	88½	CLM Insce	96	-1	1.8	..
701½	491	Cmml Union	510	-3	4.9	19.2
108	86	Delian	97	..	0.6	..
1950	1653	Dom & Gen	1655	..	2.1	17.7
64	31	FAI	35	..	1.4	..
221½	145	FBD IC	162½	..	4.2	7.6
194	140	Fencourt Grp	160	..	6.5	..
114	89	Fusbay Under	97½	..	1.7	62.9
757	491	Gen Accident	509	-7	6.9	8.2
247	161	GRE	174	-2	5.8	19.5
105	80	HCG Lloyds	92	..	1.8	77.5
457	211	Heath C E	246	+3	8.1	..
245½	177¼	Hibernian E	187	+9¾	5.2	7.0
114	86	Hiscox Select	108	+1	1.7	..
322	238½	Independent	258	+3	4.2	7.0
241	178	Irish Life	181	-2	6.5	16.9
203	118	JRJ Group	123	+3	7.6	11.3
547	403	Legal & Gen	424	-8	6.1	16.9
1471¼	962¾	Liberty Ldes	1465¼	+9¾	7.2	5.6
119	91	London Ins Mkt	99	..	2.5	34.5
310	157	Lloyd Thomp	161	..	6.1	10.6
471	313	Lloyds Abbey	315	-3	7.3	9.5
185	159	Lombard Ins	176	..	5.5	16.8
443	282	London & Man	293	+4	6.9	14.6
119	91	London Ins Mkt	99	..	2.5	34.5
236	155	Lowndes Lmbt	163	..	5.9	10.1
5833¾	4531¼	Marsh McLn	4818¾	-18¾	3.9	..
110	84	Methead	95	-1	..	..
188	147	Nelson Hurst	175	..	4.0	17.5
108	76	New London Gp	87	..	1.4	..
139¼	102	Orion	102	..	6.1	..
99	75	Pearl Trust	75½	..	3.3	..
124	101½	Premium Under	111	..	..	..
585	271	Prudential	306	-5	5.6	13.2
83	31	PWS	35	..	10.7	..
404	239	Refuge	239	-3	6.1	17.6
350	232½	Royal	279	-7	4.0	5.8
232	139	Sedgwick	149	..	5.0	16.9
155	104	Steel Burrill	120	..	9.4	..
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	73	..	5.3	..
418	285	Sun Alliance	299	-3	6.3	8.3
107	81	Syndicate Cap	89	..	1.8	70.9
96	51	Trade Indemnity	60	..	1.9	13.4
464	332	Transatlantic	338	..	4.4	30.6
673	432	Utd Friendly	432	..	4.9	22.2
245	129	Willis Corroon	136	+3	6.1	15.1
28	20	Windsor	23	..	2.8	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
338	280	3i	331½	-1½	2.8	..
106½	79½	Abtrust Emerg	82	+1	0.3	..
102	82	Abtrst High Inc	92	..	8.7	..
290	205	Abtrst N Dawn	217	+3	0.5	..
2058	1678	Alliance	1705	+10	3.5	..
293	247	American Trust	249	..	2.7	..
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	410	..	2.2	..
196	141	Baillie Gifford SN	147	+2	..	..
219	173	Bankers	182	+4	2.7	..
75¼	43¼	Baring Em Ev	45¼	..	0.3	..
381	311	Baring Tribune	313	..	2.8	..
248	198	Berry Starq	222	..	1.2	..
120¼	86½	Br Assets	86	+½	6.1	..
98	89	Br Empire Sect	90	..	1.3	..
46	31	Br Empire Wts	32	..	..	..
234	188	Br Invt	199	..	3.1	..
105¼	63¼	Buddlins	105¼	+¼	0.3	..
272	221	Brunner	226	..	3.0	..
161	117	BZW Conv	132	..	7.5	..
363	310	Candover	333	..	4.2	..
65	50	Central Euro Gwth	51	..	..	..
271	163	Cities & Eastern	165	+2	2.7	..
223	188	Cont Asset	186	..	2.0	..
95	80	Danae Inv Inc	80	..	12.4	..
328	268	Derby Cap	300	+10	..	..
173	147	Derby Inc	160	..	12.3	..
100	70	Drayton Blairt	70	..	15.0	..
111	84	Dryfe Eng Inft	92	..	1.1	..
156	128	Dryfe Far East	140½	+3	0.6	..
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	628	+5	5.2	..
108	85	Dunedin Japan	88¼	..	..	..
341	282	Dunedin Smlr	302	+1	3.8	..
80	35	Dunedin Wts	36½	..	..	..
827	725	Dunedin Wwde	735	+3	1.6	..
122	92½	Edin Dragon	101	+½	..	..
53¾	42½	Edinburgh Incst	50½	+1	..	..
380	281	Edinburgh	296½	+2	3.7	..
179	139	EFM Japan	159	+2	..	..
354	286	Electra Inv	330	+2	2.9	..
220	185	Electric Gen	180	..	2.1	..
201	169	Eng & Caledon	181	..	2.8	..
127	106	English Scot	108	..	..	..
345	273	European Assel	275	..	2.1	..
174	145	Fidelity Euro Val	153	..	0.2	..
103½	79	Fidelity Jap Val	82	+2	..	..
172	146	Flesbury 'A'	155	..	2.4	..
86	69	First Spanish	70	..	0.4	..
343	274	Fleming Amer	279½	..	0.5	..
145	68	Fleming Chinese	74¼	+2¼	0.8	..
92	36	Fleming Ch Wts	32½	+4	..	..
267	198	Fleming Claver	199	..	3.5	..
385	300	Fleming Cont	301	..	0.9	..
210½	158	Fleming Em Mkts	163	-1	..	..
264	190	Fleming Enter	204	+1	2.9	..
459	327	Fleming F East	332	+4	0.6	..
422	350	Fleming Fledg	352	..	1.1	..
130	89	Fleming Hi Inct	96	..	5.8	..
109	89½	Fleming Indept	91	+1½	0.6	..
64	42	Fleming In Wts	45	+1	..	..
52½	35	Fleming Ind	35	..	12.7	..
284	223	Fleming Japan	250	+3	..	..
347	289¾	Fleming Merct	275	..	3.0	..
347¼	280½	Fleming Overs	289	+1	1.8	..
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	131½	+½	1.7	..
108	93	For & Col Inc Gwth	99	+3	1.8	..
148	106½	Fgn Emg Mkts	130¼	+2¼	..	..
77	64½	Fgn Enterprise	69½	..	1.1	..
261	216	Fgn Eurobrt	218	..	0.7	..
145	114	Fgn German	117	+1	0.5	..
374	295	Fgn Pacific	311	+7	1.0	..
144	116	Fgn PEP	122	..	3.6	..
192	159½	Fgn Smaller	160	-½	1.5	..
120	91	Fgn US Smlr	93	..	..	..
28½	21½	Fulcrum Cap	24	+½	..	..
54	46	Fulcrum Inc	46	..	23.5	..
142¼	134½	Fulcrum Zero	139	..	..	..
213	190	Gartmore Brit	190	..	4.8	..
151	124	Gartmore Europ	127	+2	0.9	..
130	86	Gartmore Shrd	88	..	14.4	..
247	201	G'more Smlr Cos	204	..	3.5	..
128	99	Geared Inc Inv	99	..	10.5	..
200	148	Genl Cons Cap	149	..	..	..
115½	104	Genl Inct	105	..	10.4	..
106	88	German Inv	89½	+1½	0.7	..
325	214	Govt Assn Sm Co's	237	+5	0.1	..
151	101	Gov Eng Mkt	119	+2	0.3	..
191	138	Govett Am Smlr	140	..	..	..
86½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	84	..	..	..
112	78	Govett High Inc	82	..	7.0	..
429	349	Govett Oriental	382	+5	0.4	..
346	331	Govett Strategict	337	..	3.6	..
475	404	Greenfriar	404	-3	2.1	..
19	19	Gresham House	19	..	..	..
303	227	GT Japan	236	+2	0.7	..
155	119	H Gowtt Smlr Co	121	..	1.7	..
138	113	Herd High	117	..	6.1	..
293	257	Herd Strat	277	..	0.2	..
105	86	Herald	90	..	..	..
116	88½	HTR Jap Smaller	103	+1	0.5	..
27	13	I&S Ent	15	..	..	..
119	94	I&S UK Smlr	99	..	3.5	..
158	117	Inv Capt	121	+2	5.3	..
99	87	Ird Biotech	87	..	..	..
50	30	Inl Wts	32	..	..	..
177	135	INVESCO Korea	150	..	..	..
122	88½	J Fry 2nd Ut	93	..	8.6	..
100	94	J Fry Euro U	95	..	6.4	..
255	167	JF Fledg Jap	221	+1	..	..
121	102	Jupiter Intl Gth	102	..	4.2	..
243	195	Kiinwt Crt	201	+½	3.2	..
149	115	Kinwt E Mkt	126	+2½	..	..
124	105	Kinwt End	110	..	..	..
88½	73½	Kinwt Euro Prvt	74	..	1.4	..
49	23½	Kinwt Euro Wts	24	..	..	..
116	79	Kinwt H Inct	80	..	11.9	..
272½	224	Kinwt O'seas	227	+1	1.9	..
165	125	Kinwt Smlr	126	+1	3.1	..
201	129½	Latin American	148¼	+½	..	..
836	671	Law Debenture	732	..	3.3	..
125	93	Lazard H Inct	94	..	8.5	..
97	79	Lloyds Sm Cap	81	..	..	..
35	28	Lloyds Sm Dw	28½	..	15.6	..
129	107	Lloyds Sm Pkg	108	..	4.1	..
174	141	Lon St Lawrence	157	..	5.0	..
108	81	Lon Smaller Co's	84	..	4.7	..
334	265	Lowland	284	..	4.1	..
1440¾	887½	Lydenburg	1387½	..	1.7	..
620	495	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	535	+10	..	..
151	127	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	135	..	22.2	..
2773	2440	M&G Dual Cap	2605	..	..	..
353	285	M&G Dual Inc	290	..	30.3	..
77	54	M&G Inc Geared	65	..	9.4	..
34½	28½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	28½	+½	..	..
45	36	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inct	36½	..	16.8	..
137	117	M&G Inc Package	119	..	5.2	..
59	50	M&G Inc Zero Div	54¼	..	..	..
36½	27½	M&G Rec Cap	30	..	..	..
72½	61	M&G Rec Geared	61½	..	7.9	..
37½	30½	M&G Rec Inc	30½	..	15.9	..
151	128	M&G Rec Packg	130	..	3.7	..
80½	68	M&G Rec Zero Dv	74	+½	..	..
128	99	M Curne Euro	103	+1	0.4	..
180	133	M Curne Pac	136	+1	0.3	..
227	190	Majedie	192	..	3.4	..
57	44	Manakin	56	..	..	..
125	93	Merc Wld Mg	94	+1	..	..
324	237	Merchants	258	+1	5.4	..
90	79½	Mercury Euro Prvt	81	+½	0.9	..
45	27	Mercury Wts	27½	..	..	..
52½	29	Mercury Wld Wts	29	..	..	..
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	510	+3	1.7	..
158	126	Morg Gren Inct	130	..	4.6	..
64	39	Morg Wts	39	..	..	..
111	87	Morg Latn Amer	99	+1	..	..
65	39	Morg Wts	58	+1	..	..
148	109	Murray Enr ▼	114	..	2.3	..
86	54	Murray Euro	57½	..	0.6	..
393	317	Murray Income	320	+1	4.6	..
365	319	Murray Intl	333	+2	4.7	..
163	153	Murray S/C DP	153	+1½	..	..
174	126	Murray S/C Cap	129	..	..	..
87	78	Murray S/C Inct	78	..	17.0	..
3400	2850	Murray S/C Ulst	3050	..	4.3	..
548	424	Murray Smaller	464	+2	1.2	..
363	302½	Murray Vent	306	..	4.7	..
58	31	Murray Ent Wts	32	..	..	..
23½	16	Murray Eu Wts	16¼	..	..	..
58	15	Newmarket	16	..	..	..
85	56	Nvdbrg Inc	58	..	9.7	..
104	65	Nvdbrg Cap	69	..	..	..
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	342	+1	1.2	..
241	179	O'seas Wts	198	+1	..	..
640½	433	Pacific Assets	478	+16	0.3	..
542	335	Pacific Wts	382	+14	..	..
120	89	Perpetual Jap	93	+1	..	..
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8700	..	2.8	..
153	124	Pilot Inv	125	..	1.6	..
96	88	Piper Euro Sm	88	..	..	..
92½	88	Prolific Inc	88½	..	..	..
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	172	+1	1.1	..
38	27	River Merc Am Cap	27	..	..	..
121	101	River Merc Am Inct	101	..	9.7	..
17	11	River Merc Am Wts	11	..	..	..
160	114	River Merc Cap	116	..	..	..
147	86	River Merc Ex Inc	86	..	11.3	..
49	14	River Merc Ex IncWt	15	..	..	..
116	82	River Merc Grd Inct	83	..	11.3	..
35	23	River Merc Grd Prf	26	+½	..	..
127	110	River Merc Tst Inct	110	..	10.5	..
40	22	River Merc Wt	23	..	..	..
170	118	River Merc Sm Co	126	..	4.1	..
77	31	River Merc Sm Wt	32	..	..	..
449	405	Robeco	409	..	3.1	..
483	415	Rolinco	417	..	1.9	..
99	83	Schrod Jap Gwth	84½	+1	..	..
52	36½	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	38	..	..	..
1112¾	767¾	Schrod Korea Fd	880½	+½	0.1	..
650½	411	Sch Korea Fd Wt	464½	+¼	..	..
113½	103	Sch Spl Zero Div	108¼	..	..	..
47½	27½	Sch Split Fd Cap	29½	..	..	..
129	108	Sch Split Fd Inct	111½	+½	8.3	..
99	86	Schrod UK Gwth	91	..	2.1	..
42	31	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	31	..	..	..
262½	207	Scot	209	..	3.1	..
183	148	Scot American	151½	+½	4.0	..
388	238	Scot Asian	261	+2	..	..
1070	663	Scot Wts	685	..	..	..
97½	77	Scot Eastern	81	+1	2.4	..
264¾	205	Scot Mtge	216	+1½	2.4	..
106½	90	Scot Natl Tst	91	..	10.3	..
133½	104	Scot Value	106	+1½	2.4	..
1795	1475	Second Alliance	1489	+10	3.5	..
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	81	-½	5.0	..
179	143	Selective Asset	143	..	1.3	..
161	128	SHIRESCOT	131	..	5.2	..
51½	33½	Sphere Inv	34½	+½	14.0	..
343	290	St Andrew Inv	303	..	3.3	..
412	310	Temple Bar	337	..	5.1	..
135	99	Thrdn Asian E	104	+2	0.6	..
566	468	Throg Dual Cp	485	-3	..	..
101	70½	Throgmorton	71½	+½	4.0	..
164¾	116	Tpfton Emg Mk	122	+1	0.7	..
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon	142½	+½	4.6	..
205	141	TR Far East	143	+1	5.1	..
124½	86	TR Pacific	108½	+½	0.2	..
43½	31½	TR Property ▼	31¾	..	3.5	..
228	179	TR Smlr Cos	181½	..	2.6	..
152	102	TR Tech Inv	102	..	2.1	..
405	190	Turkey Trust	212	..	1.2	..
269	232	USDC Invest	232	..	2.4	..
129	108½	Value Inc Tst	115	+1	4.6	..
109	64	Wigmore	64	..	1.0	..
357½	205	Witan	225	+1	3.2	..
113	100	Yeoman Inct	100	..	17.1	..



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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
131	81	1st Choice	115	..	3.8	..
40	26	Acorn Sth H	30	..	..	..
578¼	416	Airtours	433	-1	3.6	10.5
46¼	18	Ald Leis	18	..	..	..
177	135	Alpha Airpts	143	..	3.5	..
48	36	Arcadian	40	..	..	..
131	85	Baldwin	115	..	3.8	19.3
333	234	Barr & W 'A'	238	..	5.3	9.9
250	135½	Bluebird Toys	214	..	3.5	6.4
365	231	Boosey Hwks	335	..	1.9	19.8
7¼	2¾	Brent Walker	3	..	..	..
200	100	Bristol Scots	183	..	2.0	..
2¼	1½	Buckingham Int	2	..	..	..
247	114	Chrysalis	245	..	..	..
94	74	City Centre Rest	79	..	2.9	16.0
374	305	Compass Gp	320	-2	2.7	..
290	232	Eurocamp	239	..	5.2	9.9
213	78	Euro Disney	114	-1	..	..
4	2	Euro Leisure	2¼	..	..	..
456	308	Fairline Boats	440	..	4.5	..
350	245	First Leisure	267	-3	3.1	17.7
285	203½	Forte	231	-1	4.1	21.3
207	169	Friendly Hotels	174	-1	4.1	23.1
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	..	3.5	..
598	475	Granada	497	-2	2.5	15.9
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports	37	..	9.4	5.4
216	125	Hornby	129	+2	8.7	11.3
173¼	142½	Jurys Hotel	157½	..	4.4	14.1
18½	11¾	Kunick	14½	+1¾	4.5	..
284	200	London Clubs	277	+3	5.4	14.1
217½	145	Ladbroke	152	..	2.9	26.8
104	64	Magnolia	65	..	0.2	..
140½	107½	Man Utd	129	..	4.1	..
109¾	68	Mandarin Orntl	70¾	-1½	4.6	18.3
15	11½	My Kinda Town	11½	..	..	..
67	34	Northern	65	..	5.8	10.8
102	65½	Pelican Gp	81	..	1.9	16.9
141	109	PizzaExpress	117	..	2.1	18.0
183	111	Prem Leisure	111	..	4.7	7.8
43	21	Quadrant Grp	24	+1	..	..
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	248	-2	2.3	37.3
447½	355½	Rank Org	409	-1½	3.9	26.2
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels IE	26	..	5.0	14.8
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	910	-10	0.5	..
92	60½	Stakis	84	-½	1.8	30.2
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	334	..	2.0	18.8
345¼	280	Tanjong	280	..	0.7	15.7
1185	959	Thorn EMI	1010	+2	4.3	19.1
167	75	Tottenham Hot	158	-2	0.8	42.4
161	120	VCI	161	..	1.6	14.4
149	112	Vardon	131	..	1.1	23.2
18	5	Wembley	5	..	..	..
149	110	Zetters Gp	135	..	7.0	..

MEDIA

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbott Mead	337	..	2.2	30.5
355	198	Adscene	284	..	2.8	21.0
33	17½	Aegis Gp	27½	+1	..	..
11¾	5½	Allied Radio	5½	..	..	..
26	13	BBB Design	13	..	..	6.7
235	162	Barbour Index	162	-3	6.6	14.0
13½	5½	Boxtale	5½	..	..	..
345	320	Black (A&C)	320	..	5.3	11.6
402	213	Blenheim Gp	244	-4	5.3	9.1
205	133	Border TV	181	..	3.0	15.0
413	385	Bristol	389	-7	4.2	37.5
258	256	B Sky B	256½	..	..	..
169	117¼	CIA Gp	132	..	1.6	21.4
430	325½	Capital Radio	332	-2	2.7	..
1047	797	Carlton Comm	849	-1	3.1	16.1
99	76	City of Lon	80	..	6.2	13.8
1850	1100	Daily Mail	1350	..	1.5	32.7
1484¼	888¾	Daily Mail 'A'	978½	-3¼	2.1	33.6
314	250	Dorling Kind	302	+3	1.4	32.4
489	355	EMAP	378	+3	3.0	20.9
652¼	536	Elsevier	627¾	-½	3.1	20.4
1975	1450	Euromoney Pbl	1620	+2	3.3	..
17½	8	Fitch	11½	..	..	..
485	309	Flextech	454	-14	..	..
1033	675	GWR Gp	885	+9	1.9	..
275	163	Gold Greenless	163	..	3.1	19.4
34	22½	Goodhead	26	..	0.2	..
356	228	Grampian	326	..	3.1	17.4
172	106	HTV Group	131	..	1.7	29.3
194	32	Harrington K	34	..	3.7	..
515	288	Havas Pub	290	..	3.9	17.2
408	338	Hodder H'line	335	..	2.0	54.5
198	120	Home Counts	182	..	2.8	39.7
340	273	Independent	273	..	3.8	8.3
237	161	Ind Bus Comm	224	..	2.0	10.9
182	119	Infoeurope	131	..	7.4	..
167¼	137¼	Johnstone Press	147	..	1.6	20.6
33½	20½	Loper	21	..	1.5	23.7
110	43	MAID	69	+12	..	..
508	338	Metal Bulletin	508	+4	2.7	26.4
177½	108	Midland Ind	113	..	3.1	15.5
203	123	Mirror Gp	128	-1	1.9	8.8
431	344	More O'Ferrall	359	..	4.6	20.7
343	242½	News Corp	246	+2	0.8	15.0
314	213	News Intl	215	-1	0.8	11.4
60	25	Ospey Comms	25	-2	0.5	..
735	552	Pearson	557	-12	3.0	19.2
450	207	Photoink	217	-1	..	..
760	605	Portsmth Sund	605	-1	2.3	12.5
339	249	Quarto	250	..	3.0	13.6
984	722	Reed Intl	750	-8	3.2	23.0
539¼	434	Reuters	456	..	1.9	22.9
178	127	Saatchi	153½	..	..	29.9
628	385	Scot Radio	570	..	3.0	..
574	355	Scot TV	422	..	3.7	28.3
40½	30½	SelecTV	33½	..	..	..
57	20½	Shandwick	43	..	1.2	6.5
252	187	Southnews	237	-3	1.8	23.8
200	110	Sterling Pub	110	..	4.2	10.3
153	117	Sunset & Vine	124	..	4.0	10.8
40½	25½	Taylor Nelson	35	..	2.2	21.1
622	310	Telegraph	345	..	4.7	12.2
885	695	Thomson Corp	715	..	5.3	35.7
472	367	Trinity Intl	368	..	3.4	17.0
760	518	Ulster TV	675	-1	3.0	20.8
731	479	Utd Newspaprs	479	-6	5.9	11.8
161	108	VTR	108	..	4.6	11.6
36½	18½	WM450	18½	..	6.9	8.8
129	63½	WPP	111	+1	1.2	15.9
400	150	Yorkshire TV	373	-7	..	..

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115	65	Alex Corp	95	..	3.8	6.5
3693¼	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3693¼	..	2.6	18.4
3796¾	2509¾	Ang Am	3505¼	+50	2.1	31.8
7331¼	4593¾	Ang Am Gold	6309¾	+146¾	4.3	16.5
38	25	Anglo Pac Res	26½	..	..	..
1512¾	1196¾	Ashanti	1321¼	+3¾	..	..
165	110	Ashton	110	-6	5.0	..
988	773½	Broken Hill	918	+1	2.4	35.3
404	230	Bakwchik	243	-7	..	..
481	294½	Beacon	388¼	+¼	4.6	21.7
39	34	Bisichi	34	-1	2.5	29.4
184	90¼	Blyvoors	107¼	+5¼	..	..
64	30	Bougainville	39	..	..	..
37	12¼	Bracken	18	..	5.0	..
898	513	Buffels	580¼	+20¼	9.4	..
5	2½	Butte	3	..	..	..
968	745½	CRA	869	+15	2.6	25.8
77	42	Central Pacific	44	..	..	..
55¼	36	Cluff Res	41	-½	..	..
143	28½	Coal Inv	78	..	..	..
300	65	Cons Murchison	186	..	3.2	..
1750	1318¾	De Beers	1437½	+37½	3.7	15.1
146	88	Deelkraal	104¼	..	3.4	9.1
101¼	30½	Doornfontein	51¾	..	..	..
1036½	659¼	Driefontein	904½	+12½	4.8	13.1
941¼	527¼	Durban	592½	+8¼	..	..
209¾	107	E Rand Gold	146¾	..	14.1	4.7
122¾	59½	E Rand Prop	76	..	..	..
75	48	Eastern Trans	70	..	3.3	16.7
513	300½	Elandsrand	396¼	+¼	4.1	9.7
447¼	320	Eng China Cl	342	+2	5.9	18.5
1233	741¾	FS Cons	899½	+32½	6.5	11.0
82	27	FS Dev	60	..	2.1	..
2225	1159½	GFSA	1862¾	..	2.0	27.5
57¼	47	Gld Kalgoorli	48	+1	3.1	18.9
[illegible]	738½	Gencor	217¾	+3¼	1.2	27.0
123	75	Gold Fields Prop ▼	118	..	7.9	..
[illegible]	14	Greenbush R 'A'	16½	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	149¾	..	8.5	7.7
35¼	57	Gwalia Cons	88¾	+½	1.1	10.2
[illegible]	318¼	[illegible]	479	+¼	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	276¾	..	9.7	8.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1505¼	+15¼	1.7	46.1
[illegible]	112	[illegible]	140	+10	8.6	12.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1056¾	..	4.6	14.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	892½	+28½	3.6	9.2
137	[illegible]	[illegible]	99¼	..	10.8	5.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	269	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Meekatharra	21	-1	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	..	..	..
[illegible]	103	MIM	103	-6	2.4	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Minorco	1475	..	2.5	..
[illegible]	159	Monarch	180	-4	..	..
[illegible]	65	NSM	94	-2	..	8.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Nth Bkn Hill	158	..	3.5	22.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Orys Gold	50	..	..	..
[illegible]	65	Poseidon	74	..	..	..
460	350	Peko-Wallsend Tin	265	+10	0.5	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Placer Pac	164	+5	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	RTZ	#348	..	4.4	16.8
[illegible]	750	RTZ	812	-7	3.2	23.1
43	[illegible]	[illegible]	32	..	..	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Rand Mines	650	..	1.7	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Randfontein	625½	+½	8.0	7.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Renison	235	..	..	..
1809¾	1073¼	Rustenburg	1615¾	+9¾	1.8	..
112	65	St Barbara	74	..	..	..
756	503¼	St Helena	564¼	+40¼	7.8	..
[illegible]	195	Sons Gaika	223	-2	5.6	13.8
30	16	Sthern Pacific	18	..	..	..
2587½	1494¾	Southvaal	1784¾	+15¾	4.9	30.5
5	¾	Stamran	¾	..	..	..
147	73	Stilfontein	75	..	28.7	2.5
257½	90	Unisel	168½	..	3.5	12.8
7600	4943¾	Vaal Reefs	5412½	+115½	4.7	8.8
23	7½	Venture Cot Z	12	-2	10.3	2.9
545	450	Waco Blake	533	..	2.9	20.1
1213½	508¾	Western Areas	888½	+½	8.1	8.3
3575	2050	Western Deep	2553¾	+71¾	4.1	8.8
398	300¼	Western Mng	343	-13	1.2	50.6
1325	603¾	Winkelhaak	815¾	..	5.9	11.4
66	47	Zambia Copper	50	..	..	..
68	48	Zandpan	48	..	9.3	10.7

OIL & GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
42½	24½	Aran Energy	42½	+½	..	25.7
53	35	Arcon Intl	40	..	..	..
74¾	51¾	Aus Oil & Gas	55¾	+¼	..	..
88	43	Aviva Pet	53	..	..	..
249	197	Br Borneo	221	..	4.0	10.4
358	253	British Gas	305	+3	5.9	..
437½	340	Br Petroleum	414½	+2	2.9	22.7
4	1¾	Bula Resources	2½	..	..	..
919	792	Burmah Castrol	792	-5	4.3	15.8
88	56	Cairn Energy	82	..	..	45.2
375	258	Calor Gp	270	-1	5.8	13.0
51	33	Clyde Pet	39	+1	1.1	..
30	9½	Copley Res	12	..	..	..
2¾	1½	Dragon Oil	2¼	..	..	..
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	21½	-½	..	23.2
486	370	Enterprise	379	-1	5.3	..
26¾	21	Fairhaven Intl	25	..	4.9	10.2
303	263	Flogas	280	..	5.8	11.6
8¼	4¼	Fortune	5¾	..	..	33.5
77	54	Goal Pet	63	..	2.9	20.9
47	31	Gt Western Res	41	..	..	..
177	136	Hardy O & G	137	+1	0.9	17.5
55	40	Kelt Energy	49½	..	3.4	23.7
169	110½	Lasmo	136	+1	0.9	..
73	48	Lasmo Units	52	..	18.8	..
75	55	Monument	65½	..	..	70.0
7½	3½	New London	7½	..	..	..
2540¾	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2409¾	+3½	1.4	..
9½	3½	Oceonics	5	..	..	..
50	36	Oil Search	45	..	..	..
50½	17½	Petroz	34	+½	..	..
168	140	Pict Pet	141	..	..	..
32½	21	Premier	21½	..	..	11.7
158	43	Presidio	43	..	15.5	..
111	83	Pittencrieff Rs	83	..	..	..
282	129	Ramco Egy	213	-2	0.3	..
460	325	Ranger	390	-5	5.3	..
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Pt	8815¾	-34¾	4.7	17.5
4084¾	3321¼	Schlumberger	3331¼	..	2.3	..
68	43	Scott Pickford	48	..	2.3	8.2
90	50	Seafield	60	..	..	..
758	651	Shell	681½	-4½	4.6	20.7
187	116	Sunrise Eng Sv	#116	..	..	..
4237½	3481¼	Total	3834¾	+65¾	4.6	..
19	9½	Villiers Grp	9½	..	..	..
237	178½	Woodside	234	+1	1.7	..
110	29	XCL	51	..	..	..

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	75	BWD	78	..	8.9	6.2
126	96	Baltic Plc	124	..	2.0	7.8
185	80	Berry Bch Nbl	80	..	8.0	12.1
215	155	Biotec Inv	156	+1	..	..
154	108	Brewin Dolphin	113	..	6.4	8.3
757	620	Caledonia	623	..	3.3	17.0
2650	1900	Camellia	2200	..	1.8	5.9
29½	19	Carlisle	19	..	1.6	..
630¾	447	Cater Allen	447	-23	7.9	9.2
174¾	125	Cattles	147	..	4.5	16.5
65	38	Christie	36	-2	..	79.6
80	60	Claytithe	73	..	4.6	..
16	12	EFG	14	..	0.9	9.1
71½	45½	EFT Group	58	..	3.7	12.4
740	513	EFM	727	..	4.1	21.8
212	158	Exco	180	..	6.7	4.9
229	157	Earlmore	176½	+½	2.8	20.4
515	395	Gerrard Natl	488	..	6.1	14.1
465	333	Govett	345	+4	5.4	5.8
1208	845	Henderson Adm	1015	..	5.5	14.1
251½	151	Invesco	167	..	2.8	27.4
50	37	Investment Co	43	..	6.1	13.7
265	185	Ivory Sime	231	..	4.1	18.0
317	193¾	Jardine Strat	228	+¾	3.7	9.1
428	103	Johnson Fry	121	+8	1.6	..
170	108	King Sturge	107	..	10.9	10.2
245	138	Lon Forfaiting	160	..	7.3	10.0
119	85	Lon Scot Bk	113	..	3.9	17.2
1243	794	M & G	940	+3	4.1	16.0
323	218	MAI	222	-3	4.4	12.1
117½	85½	MAI 5.6% Cv Pf	87½	+1	..	..
770	538	MAM	678	-67	4.2	15.6
25¼	8½	Nat Home Loan	19¼	..	..	..
1288	970	Perpetual	1087½	+3½	4.1	11.6
973	415	Provident	528	+5	4.2	16.8
385	245	Rathbone Bros	245	-3	4.3	12.1
29	21½	Rolland Tst	26½	..	4.2	13.4
369	281¼	S & U	300	-1	4.6	9.6
425	165	Sharefunds	167	+2	8.7	6.2
188	106	SJP Capital	108½	..	3.5	7.7
498	324	Smith New Ct	415	-1½	3.0	3.5
604	353	Swire Pacific 'A'	391	+19¼	2.4	..
224	78	Towry Law	78	..	7.2	6.7
65	23	Tea Hldgs	24	..	0.5	10.9
199	87	Union	91	-1	6.2	8.4
31	20	Western Selecto	25	..	1.2	..

PHARMACEUTICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311¼	Brit Biotech	548	-10	..	..
488	349	Cantab Pharms	348	-2	..	..
243	191	Celltech	236	..	..	..
151	88	Chiroscience	92	..	..	..
47	38	Cortecs	38	..	..	..
157	107	Fisons	113	..	3.0	..
725	520	Glaxo	629	-3½	5.4	15.2
99	95½	Grampian Hdg	99	..	6.9	18.3
185	120	Medeva	168	+5	2.2	13.5
3	1½	Premier Health	1½	..	..	..
330	227	Quality Care	253	..	2.2	14.7
295	242	Scholl	274	+21	..	..
88	44	Shield Diag	55	-1	..	..
465½	357½	SmithBeecham	445	+1	3.5	17.3
421	322	SmithBcm Unit	414	+½	3.7	16.1
731	498	Wellcome	677	-1	3.2	15.2
873	672	Zeneca	858	+6	4.0	17.2

PRINTING & PAPER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	122	AG Holdings	124	..	5.5	11.7
444	335	API	358	+9	3.2	..
318	237	Arjo Wiggins	237	-2½	3.4	35.7
205	145	Aspen Comms	185	..	3.8	18.8
472	347	Bemrose	388	..	4.2	13.7
171	97	Blagden	103	..	1.8	48.2
524	409	Bowater	419	-1	3.9	15.7
1865¾	1378¼	Bowater Inct	1840¾	+58¾	..	..
297	242	Boxmore Intl	243	..	2.1	14.8
515	435	Br Polythene	496	+6	3.1	17.4
176	35	Br Thornton	40	..	18.8	3.5
189¾	122	Britton Gp	122	..	2.6	18.0
186	139	Bunzl	185½	+½	3.1	19.5
198	129	Capital Inds	144	..	3.8	11.3
2446¼	1896¾	Carnaud MB	2162½	-15¾	2.2	16.9
439	282	Cropper (James)	282	..	1.8	14.8
1035	825	De La Rue	934	+8	2.8	17.0
114	78	Delyn Group	80	..	2.6	14.5
137	103	Dolphin Pack	103	..	5.5	13.2
101	75	Fairway Group	93	..	4.6	17.4
430	302	Ferguson Intl	303	..	5.3	12.2
145	120	Ferry Pick	121	..	5.9	..
30	1¾	Hunterprint	2	..	..	..
230	150	Inveresk	154	-1	4.1	9.3
286	248	Jarvis Porter ▼	280	..	2.4	18.3
438	364	Low & Bonar	385	+3	3.3	15.8
70	45	MY Holdings	55	..	3.7	12.9
271	223	Macfarlane	257	..	2.0	20.7
250	149	Phyau	163	+2	5.4	23.0
906	513	Portals	906	+3	2.3	24.6
412	314	St Ives Gp	315½	-2½	2.6	17.1
1124	464¼	Sappi	1088¼	+18	0.5	..
30½	9½	Sant	9½	..	..	..
351¾	185	Sidlaw	193	+1	7.1	..
573	398	Smith David	497	+1	3.1	..
420¾	274¼	Smurfit (Jeff) ▼	352	-1	1.6	50.6
119	82	Somac	97	..	3.5	10.4
45	18½	Unit Group	34	..	..	..
270	182	Wace	222	..	2.3	14.2
291	208	Waddington (J)	217	..	5.0	10.6
511	385	Watmough	413	..	2.1	26.1
149	98	Wyndeham	139	..	2.6	17.7

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
130	92	Allied Lon	92	..	6.3	11.8
276	253	Argent	256	..	..	..
80	63	Arlesian Ests	78	..	..	..
144	109	Asda Prop	112	..	2.5	19.9
382½	235	Billon	235	-3	5.2	17.1
293	211	Birkby	212	..	4.0	15.6
39½	14	Bolton Gp	15	..	..	46.8
108	70½	Bourne End	70½	-½	7.3	..
276	171	Bradford	171	-2	5.0	14.4
137	103	Brightstone	117	..	4.0	26.5
474	345	Br Land	345	-4	2.8	32.5
276	168	Brixton	168	-1	8.0	14.9
118	86½	Burford	87	..	2.3	28.2
112	96	CLS Hldgs	98	..	6.2	..
207½	125¼	Cap & Regnl	137	..	1.5	31.0
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	195	+1	4.2	46.9
325	203	Cardiff Prop	223	..	1.4	49.9
66	24½	Cathay Intl	24½	-½	..	..
185	152	Chelsfield	152	..	2.0	51.6
678	413	Chesterfield	422	+4	3.7	18.9
112	86	Chesterton Int	89	..	4.6	12.5
84	36	City Site Ests	51	..	..	..
12¾	6½	Clarke Nickolls	8	..	1.8	14.6
67½	71¼	Compco	77½	..	8.2	..
56	28	Conrad Rbld GS	28	-1	2.2	24.5
1755	1215	Daejan	1215	-13	3.0	14.2
25½	5	Dares Estates	10¼	..	..	..
17	4	De Morgan	5½	..	..	..
156	96	Debenhm Twsn	96	..	4.6	15.6
189	161	Dencora	183	..	2.5	45.8
347¼	240	Derwent Hldgs	240	..	2.4	21.4
41	17	Development Sec	17½	..	0.7	..
51	45	Dwyer	48	..	2.1	..
53	25	Eleco	31	..	..	..
460	275	Estates Agency	350	..	4.6	..
47	18	Estates Gen	23½	..	..	..
132	97	Evans Of Leeds	98	..	3.3	16.3
43½	33	Ex-Lands	33	..	2.3	..
80	64	Fecst Prop	65	..	1.2	..
37	23½	Five Oaks	23	..	2.5	10.5
78	33	Fletcher King	33	..	5.8	16.1
51	36	Folkes Group	36	..	4.3	..
51	38	Folkes Group nv	41	..	4.8	23.3
538	407	Frogmore	420	-1	5.1	15.2
325	228	Grainger	236	..	3.3	..
260	169	Gt Portland	169	-2	6.1	28.9
226½	118	Greycoat	123	..	0.6	..
94	39	Hambro Cntyw	39	..	0.8	39.8
435	298	Hammerson	304	..	4.1	30.5
390	298	Helical Bar	317	+1	2.4	11.4
40¾	28½	Hemingway	29	..	1.7	49.8
78	20	Henrog Baker	20	-1	6.2	..
75	45	High-Point	45	..	1.4	..
288	123½	HK Land	128½	-2	5.0	..
311¾	136¼	Jermyn	154	..	..	77.1
792	543	Land Sect	564	+5	5.4	16.1
16	6	Lon & Metro	8	..	..	0.3
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	90	-1	5.9	13.1
562	353	MEPC	382	+1	6.9	19.7
13½	6	McInerney A	6¾	..	..	..
190	164	McKay Secs	168	..	3.9	16.6
85	55	Marnelo Mrs	55	..	4.5	8.8
55	37	Moorfield Est	30	..	4.2	..
1425	1125	Mountview	1125	..	2.5	8.7
196	144	Muckiow (A&J)	147	..	5.3	19.5
2½	¾	ORB	¾	..	..	..
64	29	Olives Prop	30	..	..	11.2
191	135½	PSIT	135½	..	4.3	19.2
399	218	Peel	218	..	2.6	41.4
162	138	Pillar Prop	139	-1	3.3	..
12½	3	Power Corp	3	..	..	..
9¼	4½	Premier Land	5¾	..	..	..
77	56	RPS Group	70	..	4.6	12.6
53	31	Raglan	31	..	..	7.5
40	23½	Regalian	26½	+½	..	6.8
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	160	..	1.5	10.2
134	97	Rugby Est	98	..	2.9	..
64	45	St Modwen Prp	48	..	3.1	12.0
74	59	Saville Grdn (J)	60	..	5.6	17.5
100	54	Savills	54	..	5.2	8.7
108	64	Scot Metr	64	..	3.9	7.5
61	45	Secure Retire	46	..	..	..
135	86	Shaftesbury	87	..	1.4	..
307	207½	Slough Estates	208	-1	4.9	44.5
103	50	Southend Prop	52	..	6.0	..
133	100	Specity Shops	100	..	3.0	..
50	10	Stanhope Pps	15	+1	..	..
39	28	TBI	38	..	..	..
244	184	Tops Ests	164	..	1.7	41.6
130½	92½	Town Centre	99	+4½	3.8	18.3
107	81	Trafford Park	82	..	4.8	..
29½	15	Trenchenwood	17½	..	..	..
59	28	UK Land	40	..	..	..
317	212	Warner	213	-1	6.6	20.5
260	218	Warnford	225	..	4.4	18.4
7½	1¾	Waterglade	#2	..	..	..
103½	62	Wates	67	+1	..	..
45	29	Whitney Mck	38	..	..	..
105	61	Wood John D	64	..	3.9	..
30	15	YRM	16	..	..	..

RETAILERS, FOOD

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	50½	ASDA Group	64	+½	3.6	14.5
315	222½	Argyll	245	-½	5.9	10.4
505	413	Brake Bros	456	..	2.0	18.4
43	24	Budgen	25	..	5.0	15.3
17	11½	Cullens	13½	..	..	..
137	66	Dairy Farm Intl	73¼	+4¼	5.0	10.0
394	344	Farepak	350	..	2.4	19.9
60	37	Fitzwilton	39	..	11.6	..
108	87	Fyffes	97	..	1.8	16.8
371	165	Geest	169	..	6.0	..
1078	653	Greggs	1050	..	2.3	19.7
395	325	Greencore	392	+10	3.4	..
211	133	Iceland Group	144	+5	3.4	8.9
656	523	Kwik Save	531	-3	4.5	9.6
18	9	Merchant Retail	11½	..	..	..
149	99	Morrison (W)	136	..	1.0	15.9
232	162	Nurdin Peack	183	..	5.1	9.0
146	89¾	Park Foods	123	..	2.4	24.9
5¾	1½	Regent Hdg	1½	..	..	..
450	342	Sainsbury (J)	388	-2	3.5	13.7
255	200½	Tesco	234	-3	4.3	11.7
198	162	Thorntons	172	..	3.6	14.1
422	279	Watson & Philip	361	..	5.1	14.6

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	25	Alexon	32	..	..	..
248	199	Alldays	209	+1	4.1	..
410	307	Argos Plc	330	-1	3.1	17.4
102	54¾	Ashley (Laura)	77	+1	0.2	..
357	133	Asprey	136	+2	5.6	11.2
246	176	Austin Reed	211	..	3.3	10.6
168	132	Beattie (J) 'A'	133	..	5.8	17.4
158	110	Bentalls	120	..	2.1	41.8
165	36	Bellemore	43	..	8.1	4.6
48	29	Blacks Leis	35	+1	8.0	..
264	190	Body Shop	190	-2	1.4	16.7
601	458¼	Boots	485	+8	4.0	15.5
12½	1½	Brown & Jackson	1½	..	..	..
263	205	Brown (N)	205	+2	2.5	18.5
74½	51	Burton	68	..	3.8	31.0
245	148	Carlors	149	..	3.4	..
304	220	Carpetright	230	..	3.8	19.3
246	152	Christies Int	155	-2	1.6	27.4
520	388	Church	480	..	3.4	24.4
171	95	Clinton Cards	95	..	6.2	13.8
170	81	C'ty Cassal	86	..	6.2	24.7
903	720	Courts Furnish	795	..	0.9	40.4
210	155	Crown Eye	193	..	6.7	8.1
353	245	DFS Furniture	259	..	3.5	..
287	170	Dixons Grp	179	+½	4.6	19.0
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	..	3.8	27.2
11½	7½	ERA Gp	9	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
284	154	Essex Furn	155	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
326	217	Etam	228	+1	4.2	12.6
558	372	Fine Art Dev	373	+1	4.9	11.4
68	45	Feed Earth	66	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
105	71	Flying Flowers	81	+2	1.7	[illegible]
278	124	French Conn	255	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
264	205	Frost Group	225	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]
66	49	Gieves	59½	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
136	85	Goldsmiths Gp	123	-1	1.9	22.1
653	493	GUS	522	+4	[illegible]	[illegible]
196	164	Hamleys	178	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
31	21	Hampton Grp	23	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
227	176	Hse of Fraser	180	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
95	68½	Hughes (TJ)	80	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
778	410	Kingfisher	410	+10	4.5	[illegible]
276	100	Kleeneze	108	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
495	290	Liberty	303	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
380	277	Lloyds Chem	258	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
184	118½	MFI	118½	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
460½	368½	Marks Spencer	378	-2	[illegible]	[illegible]
680	495	Menzies (John)	501	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
377	238	Moss Bros	339	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
275	214	Next	239	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
59	20	OEM	28	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
97	39	Oliver (G)	95	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
113	73	Partridge Fine	78	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
37	12	Pentos	46¾	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
268	160	QS Hldgs	169	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
62	17	Rhino Gp	17	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
288	137	Rosebys	137	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
132	99½	Sears	104	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]
46	16½	Signet Group	21½	+1½	[illegible]	[illegible]
549	428	Smith WH	449	+5	[illegible]	[illegible]
1260	688	Sotheby's	703	-7	[illegible]	[illegible]
252	189	Storehouse	214	-3	[illegible]	[illegible]
181¼	161¼	Stylo	175	+2	[illegible]	[illegible]
198	146	T & S Stores	169	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
173	114	Tie Rack	118	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]
83¾	3½	Upton & South	4	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
539	384	Vendome	468	+12	[illegible]	[illegible]
70	28	WEW Group	28	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
93½	52	Wld of Leather	71	..	[illegible]	[illegible]
195	138	Wyevale	159	..	[illegible]	[illegible]

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
583	528	Allied Domecq	537	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
450	358	Bulmer (HP)	387	+6	[illegible]	[illegible]
140	105	Burn Stewart	117½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
506	374	Grand Met	388	-7	[illegible]	[illegible]
542	421	Guinness	439	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
457	353	Highland Distil	426	+2	[illegible]	[illegible]
222	127	Macallan-Glen	208	+1	[illegible]	[illegible]
710	365	Macdo Mrtn 'A'	680	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
614	515	Matthew Clark	531	-2	[illegible]	[illegible]
250	72	Mrydon Wt	73	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
190	142	Taunton Cider	147	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

SUPPORT SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	94	ACI Group	98½	+1	[illegible]	[illegible]
743	583	ADT	688	-2	[illegible]	[illegible]
46	34	Alphameric	38	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
140	59	Amer Sec	69	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]
162	99	BET	103½	[illegible]	4.2	[illegible]
195	115	BNB Res	179	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
255	175	BPP	228	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
186	130	BSM	130	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1¼	¼	Black & Edg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1100	575	Borland	575	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
236	159	Brit Data Mgt	178	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
79	57	Brooks Service	63	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
117½	80	CRT Gp	81	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
238	156	Capita Group	161	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
423	284	Chubb Sec	284	-8	[illegible]	[illegible]
236	105	Compel People	238	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
65	41	Corp Services	59	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
97	48	Coutts Cnslt	51	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
276	212	Davis Service	241	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
83	66	Dudley Jenkins	75	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
154	92	EW Fact	93	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
199¼	135	El Data Pro	143	-2	[illegible]	[illegible]
334	261	Hays	288	+4	2.7	[illegible]
289	182½	Hogg Robinson	184	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
39	18	Holmes Protect	29	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
15	8	Intl Cmr & Dis	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2698¾	1671¾	ISS B Dkr	1871¾	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
165	128	JBA Hldgs	130	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
414	231	Johnson Clean	234	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
135	99	Kalamazoo	112	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
298	221	Kewill Sys	265	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
35	17	Lase-Scan	17	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
143¾	98	LIMS	93	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
8	4	Lep	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
321	268	Logica	315	+1	2.8	22.2
264	98	MDIS	103	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
198	143	MMT Comp	158	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
216	107	MR Data Mngt	108	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]
723	423	Mason 4	440	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1862¾	1156½	Misys	1609¾	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1330	780	Micro Focus	833	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
178	101	Microgen	102	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
548¼	409	Misc	409	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
194	141¼	MITIE Gp	184	+3	[illegible]	[illegible]
35	22	Mono Group	27	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
82	22	OIS Intl	22	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
84	60	P & P	68	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
115	85	Michael Page	115	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
143	123	Parity	123	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
285	150	Pegasus	153	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
115	82	Peoney	98	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
69¾	60¼	Proudfoot	68	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
415	290	RCO	305	-3	[illegible]	[illegible]
66	27	Radius	36	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
179	73	Real Time	171	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
177	104	Reed Executive	143	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
172	105	Reliance Sec	152	+3	[illegible]	[illegible]
279	199¾	Rentokil	217	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]
194	136	Ricardo Group	140	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
215	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	178	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
688	507	Sage Gp	649	-2	[illegible]	[illegible]
392	243	Salvesen (C)	256	+1	[illegible]	[illegible]
94	76	Sandaston Elect	79	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
17½	9	Select App	15½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
498	310	Serco Gp	412	-6	[illegible]	[illegible]
307	243	Secu Gp	280	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
190	75	Shanks Cap	88	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
130	92	Sketchley	92	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
264	176	Ska-Pla	176	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
146	100	Unisis	120	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
31	13½	Vistec	18½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
65	37	WSP Hldgs	43	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
338	300	Warner Howard	303	-1	3.2	14.8

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
498	353¼	BT	372½	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]
543	353	Cable Wireless	355	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
176	108	Filtronic Com	164	+14	[illegible]	[illegible]
1543	1146	Securicor	1489	+8	[illegible]	[illegible]
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	948	+8	[illegible]	[illegible]
892	608	Security Serv	787	+8	[illegible]	[illegible]
221	157½	Vodafone	197½	+½	[illegible]	[illegible]

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
138	78	Albion	78	-5	[illegible]	[illegible]
230	135	Alenda W	195	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
617	488	Allied Text	525	+1	[illegible]	[illegible]
169	84	Atkins	84	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
45	31	Automagic	34	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
270	205	Baird (Wm)	208	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]
71	36	Beckman (A)	37	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
290	226	Black (Peter)	227	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
109	74	Bridport-Gundry	106	+1	[illegible]	[illegible]
226	171	Br Mohair	185	..	5.7	18.8
74	20	Campari	24	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
104	80	Cassidy Bros	84	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]
193	163	Chamb Phipps	190	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
385	292	Claremont Gmt	289	+2	[illegible]	[illegible]
287	188½	Coats Viyella	190	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
593	417	Courtauld Text	419	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
159¾	117	Dawson	118	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
143	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	128½	+½	1.7	[illegible]
52	32	Dinkie Heel	40	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
42	25	Drummond	26	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
25	14	Ebbel	14	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
80	72	Foxgal	73	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
155	136	Forminster	146	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
29	14	Foster (John)	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
126	94	French (Thomas)	95	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
82	48	Gent SR	71	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
113	73	Haggas	85	+2	[illegible]	[illegible]
70½	11	Hartstone	13½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
33	25½	Helene Plc	28½	+½	[illegible]	[illegible]
283	222	Hicking Pntcst	239	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
91	63	Honeysuckle	84	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
90	48	Horace Small	87	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
211	173	Jacques Vert	187	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
73	55	Jerome (S)	55	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
388	268	Jones Stroud	348	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
202¾	125	Lambert	128	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
485	333	Lamont	339	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
340	255	Leeds	273	-2	[illegible]	[illegible]
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	63	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
101	68	Lyles (S)	78	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
26½	18½	Marling	26	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
17	10	PEX	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
288	158	Parkland	158	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
178	84	Pentland	104	+1	[illegible]	[illegible]
75	53	Pittards	87	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
112	58	Readicut	59½	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
90	71	Rexmore	71	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
96	38	Richards	40	+1	[illegible]	[illegible]
75	42	SEET	58	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
180	82	Sherwood Gp	84	+1	[illegible]	[illegible]
180	137½	Smith	143	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
148	98	Sirdar	98	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
64	50	Stirling Gp	53	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]
36	19	Strong & Fisher	28	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
68	40	UK Safety	40	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
132½	105	Ucher (Frank)	114	+2	[illegible]	[illegible]
65	34	Vivat	65	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
108	42	Weston	103	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
289	239	Yorklyde	243	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
83	58	Air London	63	..	8.9	12.0
777¾	619¼	All Nippon Air	702¾	+6¾	0.2	..
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	270	+1	2.3	21.5
541¾	440	BAA	464	-4	2.5	18.1
130	103½	Badgerline	128	+2	4.0	..
496¾	344	Br Airways	356½	+1½	4.0	8.6
79	27	Central Tran R	33	..	..	..
108	75	Clarkson (H)	94	..	2.3	23.6
179	140	Dart	152	..	3.2	14.7
592¾	195	Eurotunnel Uts	256	-6	..	..
85	50	Fisher (James)	58	..	..	..
506	405	Forth Ports	458	..	2.1	21.9
238	156	GRT Bus	228	..	2.1	17.7
163	113	Go-Ahead	163	..	3.1	20.3
209	165	Goode Durrant	195	+1	3.8	15.3
155	128½	IoM Steam	139	..	4.0	10.6
71	39	Jacobs (J)	67	..	3.1	..
111	77	Lon O'Seas Frist	78	..	6.2	1.6
534	368	Mersey Docks	381	..	3.0	18.8
291	145	NFC	160	..	5.8	19.5
347	245	Ocean Express	284	+1	3.4	15.4
348	244	Ocean Group	256	+3	6.7	13.4
91	58	Ocean Wilson	66	..	5.0	..
743	587	P & O Dfd	601	-5	6.3	18.8
209	153	P & O 5.5%	180	-1	3.6	..
102	84	Seacon	91	..	3.2	20.7
232	159	Stagecoach	227	-1	2.4	22.4
131	85	TBT	103	-2	..	..
915	703	Tibbet & Britten	713	-1	2.6	18.3
327	198	TDG	218	-2	5.6	14.3
136	98	Ugland	127	..	2.4	..
160	75	Utd Carriers	83	..	2.4	..

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	480	-8	6.0	11.1
385	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	298	..	4.9	18.1
611	454	North West	505	-1	5.9	7.3
751	508	Northumbrian	708	+13	4.5	7.6
645	457	Severn Trent	501	-8	5.8	7.0
1850	1525	South Staffs	1845	..	3.7	11.1
675	459	Sthn Water	499	..	6.7	7.2
682	466	Southern	564	-4	5.4	8.0
611	434½	Thames	464	-8	6.4	8.9
744	546	Welsh	620	+17	5.3	8.8
379¾	261	Wessex	273	+1	5.4	7.2
630	458	Yorkshire	489	-9	8.8	7.2

Source: Finstat

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BRITISH FUNDS

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
107	100	Treas 12% 1995	100	-	11.93	5.82
103	97	Exc 3% 1990-95	98		3.04	6.01
107	102	Exch 10¼% 1995	102 †	+	10.04	6.67
113	105	Treas 12¾% 1995	105		12.13	6.86
117	107	Treas 14% 1996	107		13.06	7.03
121	110	Treas 15¼% 1996	110		13.84	7.35
117	107	Exch 13¼% 1996	107		12.30	7.40
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	103	+	9.65	7.87
121	109	Treas 13¼% 1997	109		12.06	7.40
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104	+	10.02	8.01
110	101	Treas 8¾% 1997	101	+	8.63	8.13
131	116	Exch 15% 1997	116	+	12.85	8.29
114	103	Exch 9¾% 1998	103 †	+	9.40	8.35
106	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	96	+	7.48	8.33
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95	+	7.08	8.33
131	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	116	+	12.05	8.47
140	122	Treas 15½% 1998	122	+	12.65	8.40
125	110	Exch 12% 1998	111	+	10.77	8.50
116	101	Treas 9½% 1999	103 †	+	9.18	8.45
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
128	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	113	+	10.83	8.53
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	107	+	9.79	8.49
101	88	Treas 6% 1999	90	-	6.61	8.46
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	106	+	9.60	8.55
116	99	Conv 9% 2000	102	+	8.82	8.49
136	116	Treas 13% 2000	118 †	+	10.92	8.64
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	106	-	9.41	8.64
108	89	Treas 7% 2001	92	+	7.60	8.54
123	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	106	+	9.19	8.65
113	92	Treas 8% 2003	96	+	8.29	8.58
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	108	+	9.24	8.65
129	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112	+	10.19	8.78
86	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74 †	-	4.71	7.28
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	106	+	8.96	8.58
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	88	+	7.62	8.48
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	106	+	8.92	8.54
143	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	122	+	10.23	8.65
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	94	+	8.18	8.47
119	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	95	+	8.34	8.56
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	116	+	10.11	8.88
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	100 †	+	8.50	8.49
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	128	+	10.48	8.86
124	99	Treas 9% 2008	104	+	8.64	8.47
LONGS (over 15 years)						
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	96	+	8.33	8.46
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	105 †	+	8.56	8.42
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	105	+	8.54	8.41
93	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75	+	7.31	8.16
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	96	+	8.27	8.35
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	+	8.23	8.35
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	104	+	8.40	8.34
159	128	Exch 12% 2013-17	131	+	9.10	8.57
UNDATED						
54	39	War Ln 3½%	42	+	8.32	..
37	27	Treas 2½%	29	-	8.56	
INDEX-LINKED						
203	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	200	+	2.41	4.01
113	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	105	+	2.88	3.79
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166	+	3.34	3.80
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	+	3.45	3.82
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108	+	3.48	3.82
184	169	Treas IL 2% 2006	168 †	+	3.54	3.81
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152	+	3.61	3.84
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157	+	3.64	3.86
146	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129	+	3.66	3.86
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138	+	3.69	3.87
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	+	3.72	3.88
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110 †	+	3.71	3.85
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109	+	3.74	3.88

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Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 0895 259 783				
Groland Amer	154.80	163.80†	+ 2.00	0.39
Groland Equity	222.20	235.40	+ 2.00	1.28
Groland Euro	192.90	204.10	+ 0.30	0.37
Groland Engl Bd	107.50	111.40	...	2.58
Groland Gilt	72.24	74.48	+ 0.17	5.58
Groland Japan	170.00	179.90†	+ 0.80	..
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 0203 553 231				
General Acc	502.90	535.00	+ 4.80	2.91
General Inc	443.30	471.70	+ 4.80	2.91
UK Growth Acc	339.30	361.00	+ 3.10	2.99
UK Growth Inc	232.20	247.10	+ 2.20	2.89
Higher Inc Acc	642.10	683.10	+ 6.40	4.13
Higher Inc Inc	371.10	394.80	+ 4.80	4.13
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	181.80	191.70	+ 0.30	6.06
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	88.23	93.26	+ 0.19	6.06
Nth America	242.80	258.30	+ 2.00	...
Far East	341.40	363.20	+ 6.10	0.08
Europe	256.60	273.08	+ 1.90	0.86
Brit Excell	66.91	71.18†	+ 0.54	3.23
Brit Fxdnds Acc	97.18	103.30	+ 0.90	4.89
Brit Fxdnds Inc	71.22	75.77	+ 0.68	4.89
Global Opps	79.11	84.18†	+ 0.84	0.37
Balanced Acc	51.62	54.92	+ 0.37	3.11
Balanced Inc	50.60	53.84	+ 0.45	3.11
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	126.00	133.70†	+ 0.38	7.67
High Inc Equity	154.00	164.70	+ 1.60	4.78
Worldwide Bond	257.10	272.80†	+ 0.50	5.66
Capital Growth				
American Growth	271.20	288.60	+ 2.70	.79
Asian Pacific	311.40	331.30	+ 4.70	..
Assets & Earnings	248.00	261.70†	+ 1.80	2.72
Comdy & Energy	108.80	113.60	+ 1.10	.04
Euro Capital Inc	125.80	134.50	+ 0.30	.72
(Accum Units)	134.40	143.70	+ 0.30	.72
General	211.90	225.40	+ 1.60	2.41
Japan	125.00	133.00	+ 1.20	..
Mastertrust	134.80	144.20	+ 1.10	1.53
UK Growth Dist	112.80	120.60	+ 0.30	2.42
US Emerging Cos	126.30	135.10	+ 1.50	..
Income & Growth	359.50	382.40†	+ 3.70	3.27
Ethical	64.08	68.17	+ 0.12	3.10
International	112.80	120.00	+ 0.70	.96
Dividend & Growth	57.94	61.84	+ 0.66	4.56
Global Gwth & Sec	66.05	70.43	...	2.67
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.09	£16.74	-13.00	.
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	41.68	43.27	+ 0.51	0.72
Cash	50.08	50.08†	..	4.49
European	104.00	108.70	+ 0.58	..
Exempt	944.10	£10.14	- 0.40	1.83
Extra Income #	47.32	49.77†	+ 0.35	6.10
Far East Emg Eco	109.50	116.49	+ 2.00	0.54
Fixed Interest #	21.91	22.99†	+ 0.01	8.99
Fund Inv Tst	169.20	178.10	+ 0.70	0.94
Japan	180.00	186.40	+ 0.80	...
Latin American	71.18	74.69	- 0.14	0.65
Pacific	69.75	73.50	+ 1.03	0.37
Property Share	59.99	62.87	+ 0.19	2.17
UK Emerging Cos	60.77	63.78	..	1.94
UK Growth	41.85	44.46	+ 0.31	2.63
Aber World Port #	68.75	70.03†	+ 0.73	2.34
Ethical	58.20	61.08†	+ 0.52	2.88
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	48.68	48.68†	+ 0.06	7.71
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 031 549 3232				
British Growth	85.37	89.55†	+ 0.42	2.72
British Income	74.93	79.71†	- 0.16	3.44
Select Portfolio	80.75	85.91†	+ 0.39	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	71.48	75.84	+ 0.62	2.68
Income Builder Inc	64.34	68.45†	+ 0.79	3.10
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	213.90	228.60	+ 0.50	3.41
Capital	376.40	402.30	+ 0.80	2.06
Balanced	634.50	678.20†	+ 1.30	2.93
Accumulator	£11.60	£12.40	..	3.27
Income Trusts				
American Income	45.06	48.16	+ 0.10	3.70
High Income	364.30	389.40	- 0.10	3.97
Equity Income	208.90	223.30	- 0.10	3.73
High Yield	223.40	238.80†	+ 0.40	3.64
Govt Securities	32.57	34.39†	- 0.09	6.16
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	132.20	141.30	- 1.00	0.50
European Growth	32.54	34.72	+ 0.15	0.01
Intercontinental	152.90	163.40	+ 1.60	0.20
Japan	204.40	217.90†	+ 2.00	0.01
Pacific	382.60	408.90	- 5.00	0.01
Secs of America	391.60	417.00†	+ 4.40	0.55
Wwide Asset Val	45.51	48.65	+ 0.44	0.25
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	479.80	512.90†	+ 0.60	2.49
Conv & Gilt	41.22	44.06	+ 0.24	5.27
Smaller Cos	159.00	169.90	+ 0.30	1.31
2nd Smaller Cos	151.00	161.40	+ 0.20	1.51
Recovery	127.00	135.70†	- 0.60	1.93
Met Min & Cdty	142.30	152.10†	- 0.90	0.78
Oseas Earnings	321.40	343.50†	- 0.80	1.66
Technology	152.00	163.50	- 2.10	0.01
UK Special Sits	415.40	444.00	- 0.20	1.95
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0293 526 911				
Cmoed Cnt Pers	95.06	98.76		1.45
Founder Pers Pens	60.55	63.01		4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	66.63	70.88	- 0.57	1.86
International	60.75	64.63		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 031 222 4242				
America	255.60	275.90	+ 0.50	
Bond	109.70	115.50	- 0.50	7.21
Brit Smlr Cos	94.38	100.40	- 0.20	1.51
Conv & Gen #	63.11	67.14	- 0.22	5.58
Energy				
Europe	209.40	223.20	+ 0.90	0.52
Euro Smlr Cos	96.06	102.50†	+ 0.30	0.63
Income Gwth	326.30	346.10	+ 2.90	4.57
Japan	317.50	337.20	+ 2.10	
Pacific	99.83	106.20†	+ 2.00	0.75
UK Smllr Cos	49.95	53.14	+ 0.10	1.29
Japan Fd	715.20	736.30	+ 4.60	
Mngd Fd	164.10	174.40	+ 1.20	3.01
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	264.80	278.80	..	1.32
Capital Gwth	102.70	108.10		2.49
Wwide Opps	171.70	180.70		0.46
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bist Inv Fd Inc	320.40	333.80	+ 3.20	3.11
European Bd Inc	86.27	91.36	+ 0.12	7.82
Exempt	68.50	73.07	+ 0.87	4.50
Financial	68.14	72.88†	+ 0.19	2.90
500.0	416.90	448.00	+ 1.80	2.54
General	255.20	272.90	+ 2.80	2.73
Property	245.90	263.00†		6.16
Trustee	169.70	181.50	+ 1.20	2.85
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.70	100.70		4.73
Extra Income	108.20	116.80	+ 1.0	4.33
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.75	57.62†	+ 0.15	8.94
Income	492.50	526.80	+ 5.20	4.25
Income Builder	59.75	63.57	+ 0.62	4.99
Intl Income	60.34	64.19	+ 0.72	3.67
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	109.50	116.80	+ 1.10	2.62
Leisure	114.00	121.90	+ 0.39	1.38
Recovery	385.20	412.00	+ 3.60	2.79
Smllr Cos Inc	40.89	43.85	+ 0.11	2.12
Special Sits	259.60	277.60	+ 2.0	1.71
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	118.50	125.70†	+ 1.10	0.73
Aust Acc	239.10	254.30	+ 4.90	2.18
Aust Inc	148.60	158.10†	+ 3.10	2.18
Euro Gwth Inc	141.50	150.10	+ 0.50	0.65
(Accum Units)	151.40	160.60	+ 0.50	0.65
Japan & Gen Inc	175.10	185.40	+ 0.70	..
(Accum Units)	177.20	187.60	+ 0.80	
Japan Spec Sits	80.72	86.51	+ 0.41	
Unor Tech Inc	75.38	80.11	+ 0.94	0.20
Worldwide	160.90	170.80	+ 1.70	0.74
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 081 858 9002				
American Growth	88.47	93.96	+ 1.17	.
Amer Smlr Cos	120.20	128.90	+ 1.20	
Convertibles	53.72	57.45	- 0.20	5.70
Eastern	259.00	279.50	+ 6.80	0.10
Equity Income	83.97	89.32	+ 0.63	4.90
European Growth	277.90	294.80	+ 1.60	1.00
Europe	204.20	217.30†	+ 0.10	0.60
German Growth	67.82	71.72	+ 0.65	0.10
Global Bond	61.47	64.75	+ 0.04	6.40
Global Growth	119.20	127.30	+ 1.50	.
Japan Growth	199.40	212.80	+ 1.20	.
Japan Smaller	173.70	184.80	+ 6.90	.
Korea Trust	80.34	89.73	+ 0.62	.
Portfolio	124.40	133.00	- 0.70	1.80
(Accum Units)	226.80	242.70	+ 1.30	1.80
UK Growth	78.44	83.44	+ 0.33	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	81.42	87.08	+ 0.11	1.80
Select Managers	70.36	75.37	+ 0.48	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	73.12	77.79	...	.
Special Oppor Inc	53.06	56.45	...	.
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	161.50	172.70	- 0.10	1.63
Dividend	81.89	87.58	+ 2.21	3.94
Intl Gilt & Inc	202.50	216.60	+ 2.40	3.34
UK & Gen	42.13	45.06	+ 0.94	1.95
Fund of Funds	60.56	64.77	+ 0.14	..
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	97.18	102.83	...	1.78
(Accum Units)	109.23	115.59	..	1.78
Smaller Cos	95.03	100.56†	..	1.33
Higher Yield #	41.68	44.10	..	4.93
American Gth Inc	66.17	70.02	.	
European Growth	125.68	132.99	..	0.05
(Accum Units)	128.15	135.61	..	0.05
Global Bond Inc #	25.78	27.23†	..	6.99
Mngd Ptflo Inc	39.25	41.53	...	1.63
(Accum Units)	39.81	42.12	...	1.63
Intl Spec Opps	106.92	113.14	...	0.44
Pacific Gth	120.33	127.34	.	
Formerly LAS				
UK General #	70.04	74.11	..	3.54
(Accum Units) #	70.78	74.90	..	3.54
Japan	62.35	65.99	..	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	92.78	94.67†	...	7.31
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	84.39	85.22	+ 0.06	6.92
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 061 837 5060				
Environ	142.50	151.60†	...	1.83
UK Growth	153.50	163.30		2.51
UK Income	123.60	131.50	.	4.64
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	175.50	188.00	- 1.90	2.13
-do- Income Dist	102.40	108.60	+ 1.00	4.60
(Accum Units)	309.20	327.70	+ 3.00	4.60
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.42	41.79	+ 0.11	6.51
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	141.30	150.40	+ 0.70	.
European Inc	73.19	77.50	+ 0.38	0.43
Smaller Cos (4-1)	75.58	80.41	- 0.02	2.00
Growth	390.50	415.60	+ 3.00	2.43
Income & Growth	380.20	404.50	+ 5.20	4.10
(Accum Units)	534.20	568.30	+ 7.30	4.10
Japan & Gen	71.98	76.38	- 0.70	.
Master Portfolio	£98.00	£101.68†	+42.00	2.01
(Accum Units)	£118.52	£121.13	+50.00	2.01
Special Sits	90.80	95.60	+ 0.61	2.35
High Yield	£12.13	£12.51†	+ 7.00	4.66
For Capital House see Newton				
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	79.14	84.85	+ 0.22	2.81
American Portfolio	84.28	89.71†	+ 0.39	1.22

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Portfolio	89.32	95.62	+ 0.28	0.68
Japanese Portfolio	64.80	68.92	+ 0.59	...
Pacific Portfolio	135.54	145.75†	+ 1.92	0.88
UK Inc & Growth	71.34	76.74	+ 0.03	3.58
Utility & Bond	53.63	54.21†	+ 0.12	7.07
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 071 588 1815				
Inv Fund	644.05	651.35	...	4.74
Fxd In Sec	148.85	148.40	...	8.77
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	81.31	85.22	+ 0.52	3.07
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 071 588 1815				
Inc	635.88	649.34	...	4.74
Accum	128.89	227.10	...	
Inc	120.70	128.95	...	9.59
(Accum Units)	185.70	186.17	...	.
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 071 857 7667				
Intl Growth	117.20	127.32†	...	
UK Income	101.36	110.67†	...	5.431
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	72.83	77.30	...	1.57
Beck Bio-Tech	22.60	25.19†	- 1.87	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	145.07	152.71†	...	1.06
City Fin Assets	65.02	68.17	...	1.32
City Fin America	78.75	82.88	...	
City Fin Intl	72.38	76.19†	..	0.95
City Fin Japan	163.78	172.38	..	
Friars Hse Cap	254.32	274.76	...	2.0
Friars Hse Inc	185.29	197.12†	...	4.19
Buckley Wrld Gth	125.25	134.21	...	0.09
Falconet Cap Gth	131.08	139.45†	- 2.14	...
Falconnet Intl	145.26	152.81†	- 5.45	...
City Fin Ptflo Inc	50.53	53.86†	- 1.98	4.46
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 071 711 0771 Admin: 0277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	56.59	60.04	+ 0.26	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	51.54	55.12	+ 0.37	.
Atlas Mngd Gwth	34.28	36.66	+ 0.29	0.41
Dragon Growth	65.92	70.05	+ 1.48	0.42
Equity High Inc	76.69	81.58†	+ 0.83	4.19
(Accum Units)	103.12	109.70	+ 1.13	4.19
European Gwth	47.54	50.57	+ 0.38	0.85
Evergreen	26.86	28.53	+ 0.22	
General Equity	77.45	82.18	+ 0.70	2.76
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.13	25.37	+ 0.09	8.37
Japan Growth	50.77	54.30	+ 0.59	..
Pedigree Gwth	47.09	50.10	+ 0.42	2.82
Pad Sm Cos Inc	28.89	30.72	+ 0.04	1.25
(Accum Units)	30.00	31.92	+ 0.05	1.25
Retirement Inc #	24.31	25.86	+ 0.26	6.07
Special Sits	35.33	37.79	+ 0.15	2.04
UK & Overseas	45.50	48.40	+ 0.51	1.36
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0634 898 000				
Capital	62.24	66.56	+ 0.46	2.39
Income	56.42	60.34	+ 0.52	4.38
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	147.05	156.41	+ 1.21	5.73
Fixed & Convertible	38.38	40.81	+ 0.20	7.61
Monthly Inc Plus	47.29	50.31	+ 0.14	8.91
Preference Share	44.91	47.78	- 0.84	7.68
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	115.97	122.97	+ 1.09	7.59
Managed Fund	63.91	67.99	+ 0.54	3.10
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.94	39.30	+ 0.67	1.73
(Accum Units)	42.26	44.96	+ 0.07	1.73
UK & General	73.19	77.86	+ 1.11	2.85
(Accum Units)	91.60	97.45	+ 1.39	2.85
UK Growth	129.08	137.32	+ 1.45	2.48
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	178.69	190.31	+ 1.73	0.26
Far Eastern Grth	124.68	132.64	+ 1.97	.
Global Bond	74.77	79.46	+ 0.18	6.37
Japan Growth	120.18	127.85	+ 1.24	.
North Amer Grth	152.69	162.44	+ 1.59	.
Oriental Growth	73.07	77.73	+ 1.47	..
Worldwide Growth	80.94	84.83	+ 0.56	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.24	92.24	+ 0.01	5.39
Homemaker Fund	72.79	77.44	+ 0.56	1.95
OnRite Fund	119.27	126.88	+ 0.92	3.09
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	54.37	57.84	+ 0.44	3.20
(Accum Units)	58.14	61.85	+ 0.47	3.20
High Income	31.63	33.64	+ 0.22	4.80
Japan	35.69	37.96	+ 0.41	..
Smaller Cos Inc	28.81	30.64†	- 0.02	2.60
Smaller Cos	30.51	32.45	- 0.01	2.60
North American	30.43	32.37	+ 0.36	0.50
European	34.91	37.13	+ 0.21	0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.27	31.40	- 0.08	3.44
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	131.70	140.20†	- 0.90	2.22
Income	67.10	71.39	+ 0.32	5.18
European	57.43	61.10†	- 0.03	1.15
Recovery	142.20	151.30	+ 0.40	2.38
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 071 283 8494				
Equity Dist	777.90	790.70†		3.66
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	66.54	70.78	+ 0.27	1.39
Income #	220.20	234.20	+ 1.50	5.00
(Accum Units) #	542.20	576.80	+ 3.70	5.00
Smaller Cos	145.40	154.60	+ 0.50	0.87
(Accum Units)	177.10	188.40	+ 0.50	0.87
Inv Portfolio	73.47	78.15	- 0.68	1.53
High Inc Port #	64.24	68.34	+ 0.47	5.10
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£14.56	£14.95†	-13.10	
Japan Small Cos	£11.91	£12.14†	-16.20	
UK Small Cos	£16.80	£17.56	-12.90	
US Small Cos	£14.74	£15.18†	-15.40	
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	182.70	202.90†	...	2.87
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	256.00	270.60	+ 1.40	1.03
New Asia	202.90	216.00	+ 2.80	0.18
Japan Growth	118.90	126.60	+ 1.10	..
Jap Smlr Co	487.50	518.40	+ 1.70	..
Nth Amer	235.60	249.90	+ 2.10	0.95
Shild Asia Pac Mi	112.50	119.80	+ 1.70	0.38
UK Inc & Grth	197.10	210.50	+ 1.70	3.18
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	129.80	138.10	+ 1.40	1.94
UK High Inc Inc	137.60	146.40	+ 1.30	4.92
(Accum Units)	176.30	187.50	+ 1.60	4.92
UK Ptd & F I Inc	55.87	59.31	+ 0.16	5.29
Envrmntl Opps	77.80	82.77	+ 0.56	1.13
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526				
American	113.10	120.20	+ 0.90	1.46
Convertibles #	19.56	20.60†	+ 0.06	6.73
Equity Income #	116.80	124.10†	+ 0.80	4.27
EuroFund	42.16	44.80	+ 0.15	0.45
Financial	43.39	48.00	+ 0.26	1.63
Growth & Inc #	215.70	229.20	+ 1.30	3.38
High Dist #	142.60	150.90†	+ 0.70	4.97
International	375.10	398.50	+ 4.40	0.13
Intl Cap Inc	89.36	95.39	+ 0.29	2.88
Latin American	45.80	48.66	+ 0.01	..
Pacific	79.09	84.03	+ 1.23	
Preference Share	21.81	23.17	- 0.07	7.12
Tokyo	224.00	238.60	+ 1.30	
UK Smaller Cos	207.70	220.70	- 0.60	1.25
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 071 242 0242				
Ecco Trust	200.72	214.46	- 2.03	0.93
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	190.40	202.50	- 0.90	0.85
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0296 431 480				
European	74.28	78.17	+ 0.30	1.73
Ethical Tst	41.95	44.16	+ 0.17	1.34
Far Eastern	288.36	303.54	+ 3.62	1.87
High Income	121.20	127.58†	- 0.08	5.08
Intl Growth	114.90	120.95	+ 0.56	1.38
North American	103.26	108.69	+ 0.69	1.40
Pelican	108.01	113.69	- 0.95	3.34
Smaller Cos	65.90	69.37†	+ 0.08	2.46
Special Sits	82.99	87.36	+ 0.37	2.80
Tst of Inv Tsts	177.43	186.77	+ 0.99	1.53
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	194.07	202.16	- 0.36	1.45
Smaller Cos Acc	339.59	353.74	- 0.61	1.45
Recovery	49.22	51.27†	- 0.20	1.38
Recovery Acc	49.75	51.82†	- 0.21	1.38
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 0392 412 144				
Balanced	106.07	112.84†	+ 0.40	6.16
Capital Growth	77.06	82.65	+ 0.85	.
Fd of Inv Tsts	43.28	46.17	+ 0.25	0.63
High Income #	42.75	45.82	+ 0.15	10.04
Merchant	53.65	58.32	+ 0.23	
Zero Preference	35.72	37.90†	+ 0.01	.
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	71.69	76.27†	+0.330	2.38
Family Income Tst	45.35	45.35†	+0.170	6.02
Family Trust	78.64	83.66†	+0.280	1.18
United Charities	246.90	262.60†	+1.900	3.19
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	..	5.30
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.29	26.49†	+ 0.07	7.83
Intl Bond	26.94	27.95	+ 0.07	5.25
Income Funds				
High Income	24.34	25.61†	+ 0.09	5.26
Income Plus	104.40	111.10†	+ 0.70	4.45
Amer Eq Inc	43.78	46.38	+ 0.65	1.51
European Income	39.62	42.13	+ 0.14	2.03
Far East Inc	60.26	64.14†	+ 0.57	2.23
Global Convertible	21.90	23.46	+ 0.09	3.87
UK Div Gth	22.63	24.07	+ 0.20	1.99
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	59.50	63.47	+ 1.28	
American	222.30	235.80	+ 2.90	..
Amer Spec Sits	105.30	112.48	+ 1.60	..
Japan Smaller Cos	39.64	41.65	+ 0.17	..
European	156.00	165.90	+ 0.40	...
European Opps	59.52	63.39	+ 0.36	..
Global Priv	23.21	24.65	+ 0.22	1.25
UK Growth	83.88	89.19	+ 0.32	..
Growth & Inc	131.20	139.60	- 1.20	2.82
Intl PEP	34.44	36.82	+ 0.33	.
Japan Spec Sits	90.29	96.13	+ 0.63	...
Japan	192.00	204.60	+ 1.08	...
Managed Intl	259.00	274.70	+ 2.58	
Moneybuilder	49.72	52.87	+ 0.35	..
Recovery	44.87	47.71	+ 0.16	...
South E Asia	139.90	149.30	+ 3.30	
Special Sits	470.40	500.20	+ 4.10	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	107.45	107.45	+ 0.01	5.30
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 071 814 2700				
Balanced #	123.60	131.70	..	1.62
Inc Ptflo #	80.46	82.01†	+ 0.57	4.04
Cap Ptflo	134.50	137.10	+ 0.90	0.76
General Opps	114.40	116.80†	..	3.56
Growth Inc	28.60	29.20†	+ 0.19	1.82
Private Portfolio	376.60	384.60	...	1.53
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq: 071 454 1494 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	105.70	111.70	+ 0.80	0.56
Emrg Asian	157.00	167.90	+ 0.80	..
High Income	20.53	21.84†	+ 0.03	10.30
Oseas Income	88.99	95.00†	+ 1.11	3.01

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	100.50	107.60	+ 0.80	1.74
UK Income	97.65	104.20	+ 0.60	4.41
US Smaller Cos	275.50	294.70	+ 1.60	..
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.32	47.86†	+ 0.36	3.54
-do- Inv Tst Inc	71.73	75.43	+ 0.29	4.37
Intl Growth	67.88	71.38†	..	1.29
Investment Trust	85.66	90.09	+ 0.29	..
UK Smaller Cos	75.54	79.43	- 0.10	1.36
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 071 374 4100				
American Growth	50.43	53.56	+ 0.45	...
(Accum Units)	50.43	53.56	+ 0.45	...
Amer Smlr Cos	422.50	451.80	+ 1.40	..
(Accum Units)	431.60	461.50	+ 1.40	..
Capital Tst	295.20	314.00	+ 2.70	1.61
(Accum Units)	421.50	448.30	+ 0.80	1.61
Conv Smllr Cos	54.89	58.84	+ 0.14	9.70
(Accum Units)	57.72	61.86	+ 0.15	0.70
Convertible	124.50	132.40	+ 0.30	5.87
(Accum Units)	245.60	261.20	+ 0.50	5.87
Emerging Markets	76.98	82.24†	+ 0.87	..
(Accum Units)	77.05	82.31†	+ 0.88	..
European	110.40	117.30	+ 0.40	0.15
(Accum Units)	115.70	122.90	+ 0.40	0.15
Extra Income	310.70	330.40	+ 1.80	4.10
(Accum Units)	459.80	489.00	+ 2.60	4.10
Financial	111.20	119.90	+ 1.20	0.30
(Accum Units)	117.10	126.20	+ 1.20	0.30
Gilt Trust	60.97	62.88	+ 0.33	6.37
(Accum Units)	85.15	87.81	+ 0.46	6.37
Health Fund Inc	116.80	124.70†	+ 0.29	..
(Accum Units)	116.88	124.70†	+ 0.20	
Income & Growth	176.90	188.10†	+ 1.10	3.32
(Accum Units)	267.90	284.00†	+ 1.80	3.32
Intl Growth	339.80	363.00†	+ 3.30	.
(Accum Units)	377.30	403.10†	+ 3.70	.
Japan & Gen	175.30	187.90	+ 1.70	..
(Accum Units)	177.00	189.80	+ 1.70	
Managed Port Inc	98.71	103.90	+ 0.60	6.45
(Accum Units)	104.60	110.10	+ 0.50	6.45
Monthly Income	154.80	164.40†	+ 1.00	4.08
Quarterly Income	49.94	53.12†	+ 0.29	4.82
(Accum Units)	53.14	56.52†	+ 0.31	4.82
Recovery	318.60	338.50	+ 1.80	0.13
(Accum Units)	372.80	396.60	+ 2.30	0.13
UK Growth	49.72	53.12	+ 0.43	2.79
(Accum Units)	51.43	54.94	+ 0.44	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing: 0705 861330 Enqs: 0705 881340				
FP Equity Dist	354.10	376.70†	+ 4.10	2.74
-do- Accum	747.80	795.50†	+ 8.70	2.74
FP Euro Gth Dist	133.10	141.50	+ 0.40	0.22
-do- Accum	138.70	147.50	+ 0.40	0.22
FP Fixed Int Dist	128.20	135.40†	+ 0.70	6.97
-do- Accum	234.90	248.10†	+ 1.30	6.97
FP Intl Gth Dist	88.22	93.65†	+ 0.64	0.59
-do- Accum	92.27	98.15†	+ 0.68	0.59
FP Nth Amer Dist	178.50	186.90	+ 2.00	1.20
-do- Accum	193.80	205.00	+ 2.20	1.20
FP Pac Basin Dist	299.50	318.60	+ 4.90	0.19
-do- Accum	305.60	325.10	+ 5.00	0.19
Stewardship Dist	308.80	326.30†	+ 1.70	2.16
-do- Accum	375.20	399.10†	+ 2.10	2.16
Stwdshp Inc Dist	67.87	72.20†	+ 0.33	3.87
-do- Accum	87.51	93.09†	+ 0.43	3.87
N Am Stshp Dist	91.76	97.61	+ 0.73	0.78
-do- Accum	97.11	103.30	+ 0.70	0.78
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	101.40	107.80	+ 0.40	0.92
Open Cap Gth Acc	104.60	111.20	+ 0.20	0.0
Cap Gth Inc Inc	97.76	104.00	+ 0.58	1.78
Cap Gth Inc Acc	99.36	105.70	+ 0.50	1.78
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	100.40	106.80	+ 0.40	1.71
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	101.90	108.40	+ 0.30	1.71
NM Unit Trusts				
American	41.67	44.32†	+ 0.72	1.33
Australian	315.90	338.90	+ 6.70	0.0
Conscience	65.29	69.67	- 1.38	0.86
European	188.90	200.90	+ 1.60	0.82
(Accum Units)	204.30	217.30	+ 1.70	0.82
Extra Income	67.40	71.93†	+ 0.45	6.17
Gilt & FI	55.73	58.94	+ 0.19	6.47
Gold	50.00	53.76	+ 1.23	0.0
Income	50.06	53.39†	+ 0.40	4.47
(Accum Units)	162.10	172.90	+ 1.40	4.47
Intl	30.90	32.97†	+ 0.23	0.72
(Accum Units)	44.82	47.83	+ 0.35	0.72
Jap Smaller Cos	360.20	384.20	+ 2.20	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	242.10	259.60	+ 0.80	0.0
Smaller Cos	28.64	30.79†	+ 0.06	0.86
Special Sits	33.93	36.48	+ 0.34	1.95
Sterling Deposit	100.90	100.90		4.80
Tokyo	87.08	92.88	+ 1.27	0.0
UK Equity	160.30	170.90	+ 0.10	2.79
(Accum Units)	306.90	327.30	+ 0.20	2.79
US Smaller Cos	101.60	108.60	+ 0.90	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	218.60	231.20†	+ 2.60	2.63
Cash	49.48	50.22†	+ 0.01	4.02
Growth Portfolio	73.49	77.90	+ 0.37	1.04
Income Portfolio	59.48	62.90†	+ 0.43	4.72
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	166.40	178.00	+ 0.20	
European	518.20	553.80	- 5.20	0.49
Far East & Gen	259.20	277.20†	+ 3.30	
Germany	108.80	115.30	+ 1.10	
Income Inc	143.20	153.20	+ 0.20	4.73
(Accum Units)	151.70	162.30	- 0.30	4.73
International	314.10	336.00	+ 0.40	0.27
Intl Income	74.98	79.59†	+ 0.52	4.40
Japan & General	392.70	417.90	+ 1.60	
Korean Securities	67.26	71.94	- 0.64	
Smlr Cos Div Inc	44.56	47.66	- 0.08	5.00
UK Capital (Inc)	157.80	168.80	- 0.40	1.12
UK Spec Sits	79.32	84.84	+ 0.42	0.72
US & General	125.30	133.50	- 1.80	
Wwide Spec Sits	148.70	159.00	+ 0.90	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.88	46.91	+ 0.28	2.49
Cash Trust	135.68	135.68†	+ 0.02	5.68
Practical Inv Inc #	109.38	116.98	- 0.54	3.51
(Accum Units) #	248.68	265.97	+ 1.23	3.51
UK Index	136.94	139.18	+ 1.29	3.31
UK Smaller Cos	116.30	124.38	+ 3.89	1.15
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.99	26.73	+ 0.03	9.28
High Income	31.65	33.65†	+ 0.41	5.29
UK Equity Income	127.83	136.72	+ 1.45	3.61
Global Bond	27.37	28.39	+ 0.01	5.28
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	54.42	58.20	+ 0.53	
Global Inc & Gth	126.09	134.84	+ 0.96	2.07
Gold & Intl Res	110.10	117.75	+ 0.58	
Global Utilities	125.58	134.64	+ 2.13	1.25
Overseas Funds				
American	131.89	140.73	+ 1.46	1.02
European	92.68	98.29	+ 0.86	1.03
Euro Sel Opps	132.35	140.73	+ 0.58	
Amer Emerging	89.25	95.45†	+ 0.81	
Hong Kong	128.09	137.06	+ 3.87	1.66
Japan	242.03	256.22	+ 2.20	
Pacific Growth	207.13	221.53	+ 3.24	1.44
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	200.64	200.64	+ 1.42	2.15
Long Term Bal	216.18	216.18	- 1.85	2.97
Med Term Bal	187.26	187.26	+ 1.14	3.46
UK Equity	222.59	222.59†	+ 1.82	2.72
UK Emerging Cos	133.47	133.47†	+ 0.19	2.33
American	215.67	215.67	+ 2.82	1.48
Japan	127.49	127.49	+ 1.15	
European	238.98	238.98	+ 1.51	1.09
Index Linked Gilt	163.14	163.14†	+ 0.31	3.00
Fixed Interest	153.10	153.10†	+ 0.43	5.87
Amer Emergng	234.12	234.12	+ 2.14	.
Pacific	225.92	225.92†	+ 2.70	0.87
Emerging Mkts	160.71	160.71	+ 0.40	0.66
Index Strat Japan	153.24	153.24		0.27
-do- Pacific Rim	172.65	172.65		1.17
-do- Cont Europe	141.10	141.10		1.84
Index Strat USA	122.97	122.97		2.46
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	94.76	100.81	+ 0.72	.
Med Term Bal	89.08	94.77	+ 0.53	
Long Term Bal	97.33	103.54	+ 0.67	.
UK Equity	102.80	109.37	+ 0.90	
UK Emerging Cos	62.55	66.54	+ 0.10	
American	100.00	106.38	+ 1.39	
Japan	61.21	65.12	- 0.59	
European	99.99	106.37	+ 0.66	
Fixed Interest	77.12	82.04	- 0.23	
Index Linked Gilt	72.33	76.95	- 0.15	.
Deposit	79.45	84.52	+ 0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Grth	114.80	122.10†	+ 0.10	
Berkeley Income	104.60	111.30†	+ 0.40	
BWH Intl	131.44	138.35	+ 0.39	0.61
Brdfll Gth Port Inc	57.33	60.51	- 0.22	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	52.62	56.59†	+ 0.21	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	50.37	53.16	- 0.11	0.50
Shaw Utilities	57.50	60.69†	+ 2.09	2.49
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	521.29	564.55	- 3.11	1.58
(Accum Units)	571.79	608.29	- 3.40	1.58
European Inc	135.17	143.80		0.96
Amalgam Inc	140.29	148.54		
N America Inc	299.07	318.16		.
Far East Inc	346.47	368.58		
(Accum Units)	358.84	381.74		
UK Divd Inc	168.94	179.72		1.46
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	81.99	86.40†	+ 1.15	4.83
UK Small Cos	44.71	47.82	- 0.02	0.92
British Growth	49.02	51.79	- 0.46	2.46
American Gwth	151.36	161.88	- 2.12	..
Japan Gwth	76.15	81.44	+ 0.10	
Greater China	186.89	199.89	+ 3.92	.
Pacific Strategy	159.70	170.80	+ 4.26	
European Gwth	79.59	85.08	- 0.14	0.12
Intl Growth	138.70	148.34†	+ 1.34	
US Index (E)	12.70	13.38	+ 0.07	4.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	70.58	74.74	+ 0.67	2.23
Monthly Income	37.23	39.71†	- 0.49	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gvt UK Index (E)	9.42	9.92	- 0.19	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	86.35	91.86	- 4.23	1.28
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 071 638 9966				
Cash	137.30	137.30		3.86
European	448.90	479.50†	- 1.40	0.11
Gilt & Fixed	124.60	132.30	- 0.60	5.31
Growth Equity	307.20	328.20†	+ 2.90	2.00
Income Trust	132.90	131.30	+ 1.30	3.01
International	172.50	184.30	+ 1.90	.
Japan Trust	123.70	137.50	+ 1.00	.
Nth American	239.50	255.80	+ 3.20	0.17
Pacific	531.30	567.80	+14.00	.
Guardhill	456.30	487.50	+ 3.10	1.99
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	97.72	101.43†	+ 0.36	7.10
Global High Inc	98.37	102.11	+ 0.18	8.19
Prem Fixed Int	100.68	104.48	+ 0.36	8.48
Eqty & Bond Inc	97.29	103.45	+ 1.17	5.20
European Growth	95.65	101.70	+ 0.39	.
Intl PEP Trust	56.32	59.88	- 0.35	..
High Income	113.28	120.45†	+ 3.85	4.32
-do- Accum	154.95	164.75	+ 3.90	4.32
Recovery	344.00	365.70	- 1.40	1.70
(Accum Units)	394.80	419.70	- 1.60	1.70
St Weg High Inc	115.49	117.22	- 2.57	7.47
Tmp Bir Emer Co	234.60	249.40†	- 0.20	1.50
Tmp Br Sm Co In	349.50	355.70	- 0.50	2.07
Glob Priv Tst	89.05	94.68	+ 1.16	1.53
(Accum Units)	89.88	95.56	- 1.16	1.53
Inc Share Tst	86.83	92.32†	- 2.23	6.11
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Ptflo	189.50	201.10	+ 2.70	2.80
Smaller Cos	30.99	32.97	- 0.13	0.94
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	275.63	294.92	+ 0.73	1.61
Best of British	58.89	62.60†	+ 0.53	2.91
UK Smaller Cos	117.78	126.61	+ 0.32	1.52
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	255.69	272.30†	- 1.96	3.46
(Accum Units)	687.33	731.98	+ 6.06	3.46
High Income #	300.15	320.86	+ 1.50	4.21
Extra Income #	262.04	278.67†	+ 1.91	5.98
Pref & Gilt	45.43	48.82	+ 0.10	8.56
International				
International	261.16	278.24	+ 3.10	0.56
Global Bond	50.76	54.00†	+ 0.04	6.32
Family of Funds	76.78	82.11	+ 0.19	0.22

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Global Tech	144.34	154.37†	+ 1.64	.
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	170.41	182.23†	+ 3.21	0.25
European	441.90	468.50	+ 2.87	0.57
European Income	76.58	81.49	+ 0.35	2.55
Euro Smlr Cos	140.40	150.64	+ 0.84	0.12
Eur Sp Sits	65.59	69.77	+ 0.29	0.14
(Accum Units)	70.26	74.74	+ 0.31	0.14
Japan Trust	221.85	236.08	+ 1.45	..
Japan Special Sits	247.88	263.05	+ 1.46	
Pacific Smlr Cos	253.81	270.01	+ 4.30	
North American	220.25	234.03	+ 2.37	0.61
American Smaller	94.17	100.66	+ 0.84	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	50.48	53.50	+ 0.29	...
Eur Sp Sits	50.53	53.92	+ 0.25	...
General Growth	40.14	42.54	+ 0.34	...
Global Tech	56.46	59.84	+ 0.63	...
Income Growth	39.45	41.81	+ 0.33	...
Japan Growth	27.15	28.77	+ 0.17	...
Smaller Cos	21.02	22.39		.
Special Opps	27.99	29.66	+ 0.06	.
Wwide Sp Sits	47.62	50.47	+ 0.51	.
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 081 686 4355				
British	91.29	96.83†	+ 0.89	1.86
Capital	162.40	171.80	+ 1.80	1.53
Dollar	317.40	337.40	+ 2.00	...
Enterprise Gth	305.50	326.70	+ 0.48	1.79
European	215.30	229.90	+ 1.80	..
Far East	305.00	319.80	+ 0.30	0.16
Financial	782.20	810.80	+ 6.40	1.36
Gilt & Fxd Inc Inc	24.89	25.82	+ 4.20	7.81
High Yield	96.75	102.80†	+ 0.05	4.30
Income & Growth	132.00	139.70†	+ 0.70	3.64
International	242.20	256.80	+ 1.40	..
Japanese General	207.20	220.40	+ 2.20	.
Japan Tech	83.63	88.93	+ 1.20	..
Nat Resources	72.49	76.80	+ 0.51	.
Portfolio	68.11	72.38	+ 0.72	1.51
Smaller Cos	118.80	127.00	..	1.29
Special Sits	140.70	149.50	+ 0.90	1.56
UK Emerging Cos	86.32	92.32	+ 0.04	0.54
US Smaller Cos	76.30	81.80	- 0.58	.
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	94.00	100.30†	+ 0.84	6.20
Capital	538.40	574.60	+ 6.30	2.61
Income #	528.50	561.90	+ 5.10	5.16
Footsie Fund	49.26	52.09†	+ 0.45	2.89
Tride Index	102.80	108.70	- 1.40	2.05
UK Index	129.90	138.60	+ 1.20	3.24
International Funds				
American Growth	457.70	488.50	+ 3.70	0.85
American Index	187.70	200.10	+ 2.10	1.39
European Growth	105.00	111.70	+ 0.40	0.02
Eurotrack 100	147.60	157.90	+ 1.40	0.89
Global Bond	20.51	21.66	- 0.09	5.98
Japan Growth	280.30	298.90	+ 2.90	..
Japan Index	80.54	85.96	+ 0.91	0.09
Japan Smlr Cos	35.09	37.45	+ 0.36	..
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	52.64	56.39	+ 1.32	0.20
Hong Kong Gwth	93.06	99.32	+ 3.04	1.01
Spore & Mlyan Gth	72.78	77.87	+ 1.55	..
Tiger Index	192.10	205.00	- 0.90	0.22
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.11	29.17	+ 0.06	1.11
General Funds				
Managed	67.50	70.06†	- 0.46	2.50
Rupert Child Fnd	78.13	81.09	+ 0.58	2.55
UK Growth	55.05	57.14†	+ 0.40	2.52
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.54	50.54	..	4.58
Cashbox (Acc)	58.70	58.70	..	4.58
UK Extra Inc	81.65	84.75	+ 0.32	5.98
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.84	26.54	+ 0.06	7.88
UK Inc & Gwth	37.76	39.19	+ 0.47	4.13
UK Income	311.50	323.30	+ 1.90	3.61
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	46.12	47.77	+ 0.40	0.37
Amer Smllr Cos	103.50	107.40	+ 0.70	
(Accum Units)	104.60	108.50	+ 0.70	
Europe Gth	141.30	146.20	- 0.60	..
(Accum Units)	146.00	151.20	+ 0.70	
Euro Smaller Cos	26.47	27.47	+ 0.02	
French Growth	73.87	76.67	+ 0.40	0.01
Accum Units	79.13	82.13	+ 0.42	0.01
H Kong & China	75.13	77.98	- 2.33	1.81
Intl Growth	54.99	57.07	+ 0.39	0.63
(Accum Units)	55.45	57.55	+ 0.40	0.63
Japan Gth	34.44	35.74	+ 0.38	
Accum Units	34.44	35.74	+ 0.38	
Japan Smaller Cos	41.55	43.12	- 0.25	
Glob Emg Mkts	107.10	111.10	- 0.60	.
Accum Units	107.90	112.00	- 0.70	
SE Asia	311.20	323.00	- 7.00	0.31
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	51.08	52.62†	+ 0.12	6.07
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 071 581 3020				
American Cap	125.00	132.80	+ 0.70	
Income	140.16	149.10	+ 1.58	4.02
UK Growth	51.35	54.62	- 0.64	0.95
International	77.02	81.93	+ 0.36	0.27
Ecology	74.34	79.08	+ 0.85	1.36
European	112.35	119.14	+ 0.16	
Far Eastern	304.60	324.00	+ 2.70	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	46.49	49.46†	+ 0.49	7.78
Gilt Yield	112.00	118.20†	- 0.20	6.77
Global Income	204.20	217.20†	+ 1.49	4.19
High Yield	129.60	137.90	+ 1.27	6.39
(Accum Units)	388.50	413.30	- 3.94	6.39
Smlr Cos Div	49.61	52.78†	- 0.05	3.01
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	81.46	86.66	+ 0.43	
North American	69.77	74.22†	+ 0.62	0.20
European Special	91.02	96.83	+ 0.39	0.15
European	143.50	152.70†	+ 0.60	0.39
(Accum Units)	188.50	200.50†	+ 0.80	0.39
General	255.40	271.70	+ 1.10	3.31
Japan	413.40	439.80	+ 1.50	
Japanese Special	238.30	253.50	- 0.10	
Master Accum	224.40	238.70	- 1.70	0.58
Pacific	324.00	344.70	- 4.50	
(Accum Units)	379.90	404.10	+ 5.10	
Smaller Cos	105.10	111.80†	+ 0.30	0.61
UK Equity Growth	37.68	40.09	+ 1.11	1.68
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 071 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	59.02	62.78	+ 0.53	
Inv Trust	64.93	68.96	+ 0.50	
Cautious Inc/Gth	55.71	59.26	+ 0.32	0.80
High Inc Acc	52.93	56.30	+ 0.38	3.90
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 588 2800				
Income	556.50	567.90		5.42
Intl & General	392.80	400.80		
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 071 407 5966				
Bridge Income	244.15	259.73†	+ 1.29	5.78
Inc & Growth Inc	53.50	56.92	+ 0.44	4.62
Smaller Cos	53.49	56.60	+ 0.03	1.45
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	230.40	245.00†	+ 1.40	2.22
High Income	103.10	109.60	- 0.90	4.41
International	95.29	101.30	+ 0.40	0.60
Recovery Trust	59.98	63.80†	+ 0.46	1.59
European Trust	77.04	81.95	- 0.05	1.06
Japanese Trust	43.35	46.11	+ 0.31	
American Trust	80.53	85.66	+ 0.66	
Managed	63.84	67.91	+ 0.29	0.56
Cash	51.07	51.07	+ 0.01	4.89
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	330.70	344.80	+ 4.40	2.67
UK Inc/Gth	365.80	371.40	+ 6.30	3.49
UK Income	253.50	267.70	+ 3.40	4.49
UK Sm Cos	226.60	234.30	- 0.29	2.03
Euro Gwth	116.10	116.90	+ 0.30	
N Amer Gwth	75.13	78.02	+ 1.23	0.12
Japan Growth	65.25	66.95	+ 0.41	...
Money Mkt	121.63	121.63		2.390
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	442.30	470.50	+ 4.90	2.78
(Accum Units)	870.10	925.60	+ 9.60	2.78
Equity Income	93.05	98.99	+ 0.86	4.13
UK Tactical Allocn	52.52	55.65†	+ 0.59	3.20
European	108.70	115.60	+ 0.70	1.01
Far Eastern	227.10	241.60	+ 3.40	
Fixed Interest	49.60	52.77†	+ 0.14	6.94
Gilt	86.18	91.39	+ 0.05	6.98
Global Growth	75.14	79.94†	- 0.91	0.10
Intl Bond	50.07	53.20	+ 0.08	5.30
Japanese	75.30	80.11†	- 0.61	
North American	139.80	148.70	+ 1.50	1.06
Pacific Growth	109.60	116.60	+ 2.00	0.14
UK Index	58.34	61.57	+ 0.56	3.28
UK Recovery	86.03	91.52	+ 0.90	1.76
UK Smaller Cos	116.20	123.60		1.53
US Index	55.94	59.04†	+ 0.60	1.91
European Index	69.34	73.18	- 0.53	1.64
Japan Index	41.88	44.20	+ 0.41	...
Worldwide	80.39	85.52†	+ 0.69	1.50
LINCOLN NATIONAL 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 821				
Growth	47.20	50.48	- 0.53	2.09
Income	56.55	60.48	- 0.60	2.99
Far East	53.16	56.86	+ 0.76	0.01
North American	84.37	90.24	+ 1.17	
Global	87.85	93.96	+ 0.97	0.18
European	81.30	86.95	- 0.48	0.34
Japan	108.50	116.00	+ 0.60	.
Intl Currency Bd	54.70	58.04	- 0.49	5.04
SE Asia	101.20	108.20	- 2.10	0.04
UK Cap Growth	86.79	92.77	- 0.90	1.40
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	319.10	339.50	+ 3.70	3.05
-do- Acc	725.80	772.20	+ 8.50	3.05
Coml Euro Gth	59.66	62.80†	+ 0.38	0.70
-do- Acc	63.75	67.11	+ 0.42	0.70
Extra Inc	238.10	253.30†	- 1.10	4.38
-do- Acc	618.00	657.50	- 3.40	4.38
German Gth	117.60	123.90	+ 1.00	0.16

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Acc	123.40	129.90	+ 1.20	0.18
Growth Port	506.00	538.30	- 3.80	0.25
-do- Acc	514.50	547.40	- 3.80	0.25
Income	454.20	483.20	- 2.10	4.05
-do- Acc	£12.20	£12.98	- 5.90	4.05
Income Port	494.70	526.30	+ 3.30	4.31
-do- Acc	520.00	553.20	+ 3.40	4.31
Japan Growth	104.70	111.40	+ 0.90	..
-do- Acc	105.10	111.90	+ 1.10	..
Master Trust	54.89	58.40	+ 0.45	1.57
-do- Acc	61.27	65.19	+ 0.50	1.57
N American Gen	168.80	179.60	+ 1.60	0.70
-do- Acc	195.00	207.50	+ 1.80	0.70
Mun Sm Co Rec	125.50	133.80	+ 1.20	...
-do- Acc	128.10	136.30	+ 1.30	...
Pacific Basin	239.30	254.60	+ 4.80	0.69
-do- Acc	253.80	270.00	+ 5.00	0.69
Small Cos Rec	336.60	354.40	- 0.10	2.08
-do- Acc	456.10	473.80	- 0.20	2.08
UK Growth	89.42	95.56	+ 0.81	2.78
-do- Acc	96.63	102.80	+ 1.00	2.78
Worldwide Gth	298.80	317.90†	+ 3.20	0.40
-do- Acc	440.80	469.00	+ 4.80	0.40
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 0392 282 673				
American	60.86	65.30	+ 0.56	0.10
General	80.40	86.26†	+ 0.77	2.40
Income	62.64	67.21	+ 0.54	5.56
International	61.40	65.88	+ 0.55	0.40
Japan	58.41	62.67	+ 0.49	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	65.66	70.45	+ 0.45	1.30
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	369.40	390.60	+ 2.90	0.70
(Accum Units)	456.50	484.90	+ 3.60	0.70
Amer Recovery	419.20	443.30†	+ 3.60	0.57
(Accum Units)	481.00	508.80	+ 4.10	0.57
Amer Smlr Cos	118.00	124.80	+ 1.10	0.13
(Accum Units)	120.60	127.50	+ 1.10	0.13
Australasian	160.00	169.20	+ 2.30	2.02
(Accum Units)	194.00	205.00	+ 2.70	2.02
Capital	778.50	823.30	+ 4.20	2.89
(Accum Units)	884.40	935.40	+ 4.80	2.89
Charifund	651.70	658.30	+ 6.30	5.82
(Accum Units)	£30.11	£30.41	+29.10	5.82
Commodity	383.60	405.70	+ 3.40	0.52
(Accum Units)	562.40	594.90	+ 4.90	0.52
Compound Gth	876.29	926.69	+18.10	3.06
(Accum Units)	918.40	971.30	+17.00	3.06
Dividend	37.20	39.30†	+ 0.30	4.69
(Accum Units)	156.00	164.90	+ 1.30	4.69
Equity Income	325.30	344.00	+ 1.40	5.12
(Accum Units)	414.10	437.90	+ 1.90	5.12
Euro & General	476.60	504.00†	+ 1.10	1.02
(Accum Units)	602.90	637.50	+ 1.30	1.02
Euro Dividend	66.50	70.38	+ 0.20	3.77
(Accum Units)	79.30	83.90	+ 0.40	3.77
Extra Yield	390.00	412.40	+ 4.30	4.92
(Accum Units)	£12.10	£12.80	+13.20	4.92
Far Eastern	344.70	364.50	+ 6.50	0.77
(Accum Units)	456.70	482.90	+ 8.60	0.77
Fund of Inv Tsts	586.30	620.00†	+ 9.00	2.02
(Accum Units)	£10.95	£11.58	+16.80	2.02
General	57.00	60.30†	+ 0.70	3.94
(Accum Units)	180.30	189.50	+ 1.70	3.94
Gilt Income	58.58	58.68†	+ 0.21	8.14
(Accum Units)	160.63	160.92	+ 0.60	8.14
Gold	65.50	69.30	+ 1.10	0.90
(Accum Units)	77.40	81.80	+ 1.30	0.90
High Income	26.70	28.20†	+ 0.32	4.87
(Accum Units)	107.00	113.20	+ 1.00	4.87
Intl Growth	73.90	78.20	+ 0.60	1.08
(Accum Units)	128.70	136.20	+ 1.10	1.08
International Inc	93.20	98.60	+ 0.80	4.69
(Accum Units)	138.30	145.30	+ 1.20	4.69
Japan & Gen	47.60	50.30†	+ 0.20	..
(Accum Units)	51.10	54.00	+ 0.30	...
Japan Smlr Cos	164.30	173.70	+ 0.70	.
(Accum Units)	165.50	174.90	+ 0.60	.
Managed Income	26.20	27.60†	+ 0.20	4.10
Midland	58.30	61.70	+ 0.10	3.27
(Accum Units)	194.90	206.10	+ 0.30	3.27
Pension Ex	870.10	891.90	+ 7.80	4.54
Recovery	39.10	41.30†	+ 0.30	2.74
(Accum Units)	64.20	67.80	+ 0.50	2.74
Second General	66.40	70.20†	+ 0.40	3.61
(Accum Units)	172.40	182.40	+ 1.10	3.61
Smaller Cos	65.40	69.20	+ 0.10	3.21
(Accum Units)	128.40	135.90	+ 0.10	3.21
Sterling Hi Int	24.08	24.18	- 0.09	8.70
Treasury	25.03	25.08†		5.58
Trustee	39.10	41.30	+ 0.50	4.68
(Accum Units)	157.50	166.70	+ 2.10	4.68
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	75.68	80.51	+ 0.66	0.87
Intl Bond	60.26	63.40†	- 0.31	6.03
Intl Equity Growth	67.10	71.38†	+ 0.75	0.57
N Amer Growth	89.08	94.76	+ 0.81	0.95
Special Sits Growth	20.07	21.35	+ 0.06	1.86
UK Growth	347.60	369.70	- 3.20	2.81
(Accum Units)	453.40	482.30	- 4.30	2.81
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01629 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.22	£12.43†		3.35
Income #	932.00	946.53		4.50
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	134.50	138.60		4.41
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD Dealings. 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	185.40	198.30	+ 2.70	2.58
Gilt & Fxd Int	166.40	175.40	+ 0.80	6.80
Intl Growth	198.90	211.70	+ 1.60	0.24
North American	171.90	183.50	+ 1.70	0.45
Far East	257.80	273.70	+ 4.00	1.03
UK Smaller Cos	164.20	175.60		2.12
European	76.44	81.24	+ 0.14	0.19
Japanese Growth	48.23	51.26	+ 0.27	..
High Income	176.70	189.60	+ 2.30	4.71
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 0244 680 068				
M & S Inv Ptflo	144.20	151.80	+ 0.86	2.25
-do- Accum	164.20	172.80	+ 0.86	2.25
UK Sel Ptflo	122.20	128.60	+ 1.02	2.55
-do- Accum	142.00	149.50	+ 1.02	2.55
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	62.69	66.69	- 0.36	4.03
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 031 479 4848				
Intl Income	67.39	71.54†	+ 0.56	4.75
European	76.21	80.90	+ 0.01	0.34
Income #	69.45	73.73†	+ 0.59	5.80
Nth American	56.97	60.48	+ 0.66	0.69
Far East	164.60	174.70	+ 2.50	.
Japan	56.68	60.17	+ 0.19	
Emging Mkts	108.90	116.50	+ 0.30	
Intl Growth	105.00	111.50	+ 0.80	0.72
UP Growth	83.26	88.41†	+ 0.34	0.83
UK Smll Co	44.25	46.97†	+ 0.02	0.85
Asian Opps Fd	37.49	40.10	+ 0.63	0.13
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 071 407 5966				
Income	391.90	416.91	+ 4.75	4.28
Global Inc	64.68	68.81	+ 0.84	3.0
Brit Leaders	321.90	342.51	+ 3.63	2.61
Intl Leaders	187.46	199.43	+ 1.83	0.83
PAM Mg Bal Grth	60.67	63.03	+ 0.04	0.86
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 071 280 2060				
American	189.10	201.10†	+ 1.60	.
(Accum Units)	202.10	215.00†	+ 1.90	.
American Opps	82.89	88.42	+ 1.08	.
(Accum Units)	83.93	89.53	+ 1.10	
British Blue Chip	74.57	79.73	+ 1.02	3.05
(Accum Units)	91.94	97.68	+ 1.25	3.05
Cash	100.70	100.70	+ 0.10	5.69
(Accum Units)	136.90	136.90	...	5.69
Emerging Mkts	118.00	126.90	+ 0.60	0.11
(Accum Units)	118.10	127.00	+ 0.60	0.11
European Growth	232.50	246.20	+ 0.30	0.18
(Accum Units)	250.60	265.40	+ 0.30	0.18
European Income	79.14	83.69	+ 0.02	3.43
(Accum Units)	105.40	111.50	+ 0.10	3.43
General	470.20	501.30	+ 5.10	2.47
(Accum Units)	916.70	977.30	+10.00	2.47
Global Bond	117.60	123.60	+ 0.50	5.59
(Accum Units)	141.70	148.90	+ 0.50	5.59
Gold & General	213.70	229.80	+ 3.80	0.33
(Accum Units)	219.30	235.80	+ 3.60	0.39
Govt Securities	87.47	90.19†	+ 0.34	6.30
(Accum Units)	170.20	175.50†	+ 0.70	6.30
Income	141.70	150.60†	+ 1.70	4.61
(Accum Units)	219.50	233.40†	+ 2.70	4.61
Inc Portfolio #	93.08	98.75	+ 0.86	5.27
(Accum Units) #	93.08	98.75	+ 0.86	5.27
Intl Opps	438.40	466.70†	+ 3.50	0.35
(Accum Units)	584.80	622.50†	+ 4.50	0.35
Japan	179.50	190.30	+ 0.70	
(Accum Units)	184.30	195.40	+ 0.30	
New Europe	167.90	179.10	+ 0.40	0.78
(Accum Units)	171.60	183.00	+ 0.30	0.78
Pacific	115.90	123.60	+ 2.00	0.83
(Accum Units)	124.10	132.40	+ 2.10	0.83
Recovery	275.30	293.70†	+ 1.60	0.88
(Accum Units)	351.40	374.80†	+ 2.10	0.88
UK Smaller Cos	53.55	57.12	+ 0.16	0.90
(Accum Units)	60.54	64.58	+ 0.19	0.90
Portfolio	76.11	80.91	+ 0.86	2.85
(Accum Units)	89.36	95.00	+ 1.01	2.85
Managed Gth	94.26	98.70	- 0.77	1.93
Managed Inc	96.91	100.60	+ 0.68	4.47
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 0707 662 232				
Eurogrowth Ptfo	108.16	115.06	+ 0.37	0.98
Portfolio	63.73	67.80†	+ 0.60	0.07
UK Income Inc	70.98	75.51	+ 1.00	4.98
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	57.03	60.98	+ 0.06	2.97
(Accum Units)	60.00	64.17	+ 0.08	2.97
British Tst	78.72	84.19	+ 1.35	1.99
(Accum Units)	90.50	96.79	+ 1.55	1.99
Extra High Inc	65.86	70.44	+ 0.34	6.62
(Accum Units)	125.50	134.20	+ 0.70	6.62
FT-SE 100 Acc	50.28	53.34	+ 0.46	2.58
FT-SE 100 Dist	50.27	53.34	- 0.46	2.58
Gilt & Fxd Int	52.76	54.91†	+ 0.13	7.19
(Accum Units)	152.60	158.80	+ 0.40	7.19
High Yield	210.60	225.20	+ 1.50	5.84
(Accum Units)	527.50	564.10	+ 3.70	5.84
Income	269.70	288.40	+ 1.0	3.81

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
(Accum Units)	586.70	627.40	- 2.20	3.81
Money Market UT	48.59	48.59	...	4.80
(Accum Units)	77.14	77.14	...	4.80
Monthly Income	81.15	86.79	+ 0.51	5.28
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	93.77	99.75	+ 1.01	1.97
European Growth	99.25	105.20	- 0.30	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	82.94	87.89	+ 0.21	6.31
Income	79.69	84.74	+ 0.68	3.02
Japan Growth	52.61	55.98	- 0.19	..
Managed	64.65	68.78	- 0.30	2.55
Money Market	86.18	91.33		4.40
North American	83.15	88.14	+ 0.20	0.51
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	85.15	90.59	+ 0.92	1.95
European Growth	93.37	98.97	- 0.24	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.64	83.85	+ 0.20	6.27
Income	78.26	83.25	+ 0.64	3.06
Japan Growth	52.09	55.65	- 0.18	..
Managed	62.56	66.54	+ 0.45	2.50
Money Market	79.68	84.44		4.35
North American	75.84	80.39	+ 0.18	0.61
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	85.18	90.60	+ 0.92	1.94
European Growth	91.16	96.63	- 0.22	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	72.51	76.92	+ 0.18	6.42
Income	77.35	82.29	+ 0.64	3.11
Japan Growth	53.93	57.16	- 0.19	..
Managed	65.33	69.50	+ 0.47	2.50
Money Market	74.34	78.80		4.42
North American	83.92	88.95	+ 0.20	0.47
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 071 407 5969				
International (US$)	11.93	12.69	...	.
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	309.10	329.80	+ 2.70	...
European Gth Inc	409.70	438.00†	- 0.40	0.29
(Accum Units)	414.10	442.70†	- 0.40	0.29
Intl Gwth	190.30	203.00	+ 1.80	..
UK Equity Inc	171.10	182.50	+ 1.70	3.25
UK Ind Trckr Inc	149.00	159.40	+ 1.70	2.81
(Accum Units)	174.90	187.10	+ 2.00	2.81
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	186.30	197.70	+ 2.80	1.58
Japan Tracker	76.73	81.28	+ 0.84	..
Asian Trader	194.00	209.90	+ 4.20	0.30
Managed Inc	145.70	155.90†	+ 0.90	1.50
Uncut Inc	39.46	39.86	- 0.01	4.73
Europa	168.10	181.30	- 0.20	0.28
Genesis	145.70	155.90	+ 0.18	2.28
High Income	21.28	22.58†	+ 0.12	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 080 833				
Acumen	89.29	91.36	+ 0.73	2.41
Acumen Inc	84.51	86.47	+ 0.69	2.41
Acumen Reserve	81.37	82.18	+ 0.20	8.16
-do- Inc	71.01	71.72	+ 0.18	8.16
American Growth #	153.00	157.70	+ 0.30	0.59
Cash Income	49.71	49.71†	+ 0.01	5.35
Equity Income #	88.78	91.11†	+ 0.67	4.68
European	67.86	69.66	+ 0.09	...
Smaller Cos	73.91	77.49†	- 0.06	1.25
Olympiad	65.05	66.62	+ 0.50	0.17
Global Bond	41.86	42.34†	+ 0.09	6.79
UK Growth	89.80	93.25	+ 0.67	1.79
Pacific Growth	101.50	105.10	+ 1.90	..
Japan Growth	94.32	95.87	+ 0.88	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	114.14	121.43	+ 0.98	2.86
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	70.13	74.61	+ 0.35	2.16
UK Income	100.40	105.90†	+ 0.60	4.12
Higher Income	200.00	212.80†	+ 1.30	5.17
Smaller Cos	75.28	80.09	+ 0.02	2.23
International	90.03	95.78	- 0.65	1.77
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	98.12	104.94†	- 1.14	0.68
European Dist	101.70	108.80†	- 0.40	0.40
Far East Dist	175.90	188.10	+ 2.80	..
Global Care Dist	63.90	68.34†	+ 0.45	1.25
Oseas Dist	968.70	£10.33	+ 8.60	0.12
(Accum Units)	£12.54	£13.41	+11.20	0.12
UK Dist	319.90	342.10†	+ 3.30	2.68
(Accum Units)	627.33	670.90	+ 6.40	2.68
UK Extra Inc Dist	72.87	77.94	+ 0.27	4.95
Wwide Dist	100.40	107.30	- 0.80	..
Wwide Inc Dist	66.07	70.66	+ 0.29	2.39
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	60.42	63.77	+ 0.45	0.59
Fund of Funds Inc	55.86	58.96	+ 0.37	0.86
North America Inc	45.05	48.51	- 0.55	0.53
UK Equity Gth Inc	55.23	58.34†	- 0.39	2.14
(Accum Units)	57.51	60.55	- 0.41	2.14
UK General Inc	52.84	55.82	- 0.45	2.64
UK Gilt Fxd Int Inc	45.97	48.43	- 0.14	7.25
UK Income Inc	53.35	56.52†	- 0.52	3.16
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 03 60				
Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 3.23	3.48
Global	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.98	0.39
General	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.05	1.83
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.08	5.97
Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.14	2.49
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.55
Bridge Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]		2.29
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.91	2.22
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 2.37	
Cash Income	[illegible]	[illegible]		4.62
European Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.16
Income & Gwth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.32
Intl Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.43	0.30
Japan Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Managed Fd Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oriental Opps Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Property Share	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.85
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.66	1.67
UK Growth Tst	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.43	3.15
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Gbl Inc	67.72	72.49	- 0.57	1.37
Cap Hse UK Inc	[illegible]	67.32†	- 1.06	2.81
[illegible]	[illegible]	30.70		1.76
Foundation	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 0.52	3.56
General	47.30	[illegible]	+ 0.49	
High Income	69.77	74.62†	- 2.65	6.45
Mngd Ptflo Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.07
Mngd Ptflo Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.07
Monthly Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ 2.15	4.39
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.91	1.95
UK Equity	[illegible]	136.15	- 1.01	3.27
UK Equity Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.03	3.59
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	119.52	- 0.01	1.80
UK Equity Growth	119.57	127.20	- 0.79	2.40
UK Index Trckg	[illegible]	139.46	+ 1.40	3.67
Intl Index Trckg	138.10	146.92	+ 1.48	1.17
International	[illegible]	235.05	- 2.08	0.37
European	192.54	196.68	- 0.68	0.23
Pan European	122.34	130.04†	- 0.80	1.34
Nth American	154.78	164.66†	+ 1.62	0.33
N Amer Smlr Cos	170.44	181.32	+ 0.81	
Japanese	34.44	100.47†	+ 0.93	
Pacific	227.37	241.88†	+ 3.54	0.04
South East Asian	245.26	260.91	+ 4.88	0.35
Intl Bond	126.75	134.76	+ 0.31	5.52
Gilt & Convertible	103.05	109.59	- 0.24	8.41
Property	81.74	86.96†	- 0.05	5.21
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	225.20	239.60†	+ 2.30	2.65
(Accum Units)	475.40	505.70	+ 4.70	2.65
Growth	146.40	154.10	+ 1.10	2.71
Income	223.60	237.80	+ 2.10	3.90
Intl Equity	239.20	254.40	+ 2.50	0.90
(Accum Units)	264.30	281.20	+ 2.70	0.90
UK Income	62.37	66.35	+ 0.48	3.25
UK Intl 25	74.75	79.52	+ 0.73	2.69
New Europe	74.55	79.30	+ 0.37	0.37
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 0491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	571.78	611.53	+ 4.81	0.37
(Accum Units)	571.78	611.53	+ 4.81	0.37
Income	320.70	343.00	+ 0.42	3.42
Wwide Recovery	360.80	385.89	+ 2.99	0.10
Amer Growth Inc	203.07	217.19	+ 1.46	0.01
(Accum Units)	203.07	217.19	+ 1.46	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	235.03	251.37	+ 1.23	0.14
Far Estn Grth Inc	276.19	295.40†	+ 3.15	0.10
(Accum Units)	276.19	295.40	+ 3.15	0.10
Euro Gwth Inc	130.87	139.97†	- 0.16	0.42
(Accum Units)	131.27	140.40	- 0.18	0.42
UK Growth Inc	82.62	88.37	+ 0.05	2.73
(Accum Units)	84.63	90.52	+ 0.06	2.73
High Income	89.92	96.18	+ 0.22	4.18
Jap Gwth Inc	223.82	238.32	+ 1.46	0.01
(Accum Units)	223.82	238.32	+ 1.46	0.01
PEP Growth	112.34	120.16	+ 0.52	0.98
Asian Sk Mkts Inc	122.51	131.03	+ 1.01	0.01
(Accum Units)	122.51	131.03	+ 1.01	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	118.59	126.84†	+ 1.43	0.01
(Accum Units)	118.59	126.84	+ 1.43	0.01
Global Bond	53.06	56.88	+ 0.17	5.99
UK Smaller Cos Inc	76.95	82.30	+ 0.20	1.29
(Accum Units)	79.94	85.50	+ 0.21	1.29
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 091 201 3927				
American	94.62	100.66	+ 0.06	.
European	66.45	70.69	+ 0.10	
Global	62.66	66.67	- 0.01	..
Pacific	59.32	63.11	+ 0.12	..
UP Inc & Gth	61.23	65.14	+ 0.09	1.95
POINTON YORK UT MGRS 0533 550 540				
BW Director Digs	91.19	97.12	- 0.08	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	153.31	160.33		0.66
Emerg Mkts	49.91	52.54	+ 0.39	..
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	56.24	59.61	+ 0.06	2.60
Growth Income	59.11	62.65	+ 0.10	2.39
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	122.04	129.83	+ 0.32	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	87.91	93.52	+ 0.61	3.68
Conv & Gilt	109.50	116.50†	+ 0.39	6.39
European Income	70.40	74.89	+ 0.20	2.95
Extra Income	144.10	153.20	+ 1.30	4.63
(Accum Units)	173.50	184.60	+ 1.50	4.63
Far East	393.60	419.00	+ 6.50	0.23
(Accum Units)	401.30	426.90	+ 6.60	0.23
Global Income	24.79	26.37	+ 0.12	4.67
High Income	108.50	115.50	+ 0.80	3.72
(Accum Units)	128.80	137.00	+ 0.98	3.72
International	200.40	213.20	+ 1.90	0.52
(Accum Units)	206.50	219.70	+ 1.90	0.52
Pref & Fxd Int	45.09	48.64	+ 0.12	7.24
Recovery	68.30	72.68	+ 0.12	2.63
Special Sits	101.60	108.10†	+ 0.30	1.36
(Accum Units)	108.90	118.98	+ 0.30	1.36
Technology	334.20	355.60	+ 4.30	..
UK Blue Chip	64.68	68.81	+ 0.80	3.01
(Accum Units)	71.74	78.32	+ 0.66	3.01
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0822 674 751				
General	49.84	53.02†	+ 1.17	2.25
International	86.06	91.56	+ 0.92	0.39
Gilt	23.69	24.42†	+ 0.08	6.79
Income & Gwth	65.87	70.07†	+ 0.47	4.99
European	49.98	52.11	+ 0.45	0.45
American	51.10	54.36	+ 0.50	.
Emerging Mkts	80.86	85.81	+ 0.71	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	27.52	29.28	+ 0.61	1.77
Gilt/Fixed Interest	24.32	25.87†	+ 0.16	7.22
Global PEP	36.87	39.22	- 0.13	1.31
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 0256 768 868				
European Inc	245.80	264.10	+ 1.50	..
(Accum Units)	260.10	279.50	+ 1.60	.
Japan Inc	109.00	116.30	+ 0.70	.
Nth American Inc	102.70	110.60	+ 1.00	.
Worldwide Inc	155.40	167.10	+ 1.30	...
Hong Kong Inc	127.20	136.80	+ 4.20	1.07
Swiss Equities Inc	63.25	67.70	+ 0.36	.
Wwide Bond Inc	59.64	63.05	+ 0.13	5.38
Emging Asia Inc	216.80	235.90†	+ 3.20	...
(Accum Units)	217.60	236.40	+ 3.30	
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.25	50.25†	+ 0.01	4.97
Thailand Inc	157.80	169.30†	+ 3.00	0.21
Gold Trust Inc	75.77	81.97	+ 0.99	0.22

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
New Zealand Inc	84.10	90.82	+ 0.70	1.54
Int Mngd PEP Inc	61.16	65.83	+ 0.37	0.67
Latin Am Cmp Inc	88.37	95.24	- 0.37	0.01
UK All Sh Mkt Inc	54.91	56.95	+ 0.54	2.64
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Tagnets	75.55	80.80	+ 1.05	...
Global Portfolio	68.37	73.12	+ 1.27	...
Global Opps	68.72	73.59	+ 0.86	...
March Global Gth	64.67	68.58	+ 0.88	...
AAM Global Equity	51.58	54.67†	+ 0.05	...
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	82.76	88.91	+ 0.17	..
Temple Equity Inc	42.30	46.27	+ 0.47	3.11
Hartley Growth	71.40	75.68	+ 0.38	6.28
Intl Growth Inc	83.36	89.15	+ 0.19	0.73
IPS Portfolio Inc	82.04	87.74	- 0.11	...
St Jms Mkr Inc Inc	46.50	48.22†		
Premier Portfolio Inc	67.45	72.14	+ 0.10	0.79
Roxburgh Strat Gth	71.01	75.95	+ 0.10	...
Tech Analysis	94.94	101.00	+ 0.60	
Rosebery Growth	48.59	52.67	+ 0.43	..
International Strat	75.11	80.33	+ 0.12	..
UFC Ind-Acl Grth	51.55	55.64	+ 0.19	..
Coverdale Topnot	49.04	52.95	+ 0.08	..
Prem Equity Inc	109.79	114.40	...	
Lewes Intl Growth	43.39	45.64	...	
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 071 588 3903				
Equity Gth	156.00	169.00	+ 1.0	1.60
European Gth	91.98	97.54	- 0.12	0.40
Income & Gth #	123.40	131.30	+ 0.80	3.29
Japan Gth	120.90	128.30	+ 1.10	..
Nth Amer Gth	110.90	118.00	+ 1.50	0.18
Overseas Gth	85.11	90.54	+ 0.84	.
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490				
Managed Tst	34.86	37.28	+ 0.30	1.48
Cash Haven Inc	101.14	101.64†	+ 0.01	4.71
Cash Haven Acc	110.73	111.27†	+ 0.01	4.71
Dist Trust Inc	91.91	98.19	+ 0.47	4.28
Dist Trust Acc	93.84	100.38	+ 0.49	4.28
Global Growth	84.11	89.95	+ 0.78	1.30
Equity Inc	78.30	83.52†	+ 0.87	3.80
Equity	681.66	729.08	+ 6.59	2.29
European	198.11	211.88†	+ 1.15	0.74
Gilt	84.39	90.19†	+ 0.76	5.06
High Income	170.96	182.84	+ 1.57	1.27
Index	73.14	78.22	+ 0.48	0.42
Intl				
Intl Sm Co	218.60	234.01	+ 1.53	
Japanese	152.53	163.97†	+ 1.64	1.78
Nth Amer	99.11	105.99	+ 2.30	0.28
Pacific Mkts	46.65	48.54	+ 0.14	4.87
Premier Inc	82.44	88.17†	+ 0.14	1.54
Sm Cos	102.40	108.51	+ 1.08	2.12
Spec Sits	113.43	121.31	+ 1.10	2.21
UK Growth				
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS. LTD 0892 510 033				
British Life	282.20	299.30	+ 2.90	3.22
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD 091 285 2555				
Managed	90.67	95.56	..	2.33
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	475.48	505.40	+ 3.88	0.35
FA America (Acc)	555.86	592.03	+ 4.54	0.35
FA UK Equity Inc	144.86	154.56†	+ 1.24	3.75
FA Japan	261.57	278.57	+ 2.86	..
FA Major UK Cos	87.94	93.77†	+ 0.89	2.44
FA Smllr UK Cos	277.47	302.89	+ 0.12	1.38
FA European	303.78	321.77	+ 0.70	0.53
FA Amer Smllr Cos	41.30	44.31	+ 0.31	..
FA Asia	47.31	50.73	+ 0.81	..
FA Jap Smlr Cos	50.18	53.89	+ 0.27	..
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	89.28	93.97	+ 0.97	..
UK Smllr Cos	79.79	83.98	+ 0.03	..
UK Income	87.73	92.34	+ 0.72	..
America	95.53	100.55	+ 0.77	..
Japanese	57.54	60.56	+ 0.58	..
European	98.94	102.03	+ 0.22	..
Gilt	85.18	89.65	+ 0.32	..
Deposit	82.73	87.08	+ 0.01	..
Managed	93.14	98.03	+ 0.83	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	86.95	91.52	+ 0.95	..
UK Smllr Cos	77.98	82.08	+ 0.03	..
UK Income	85.80	90.10	+ 0.71	..
America	93.01	97.90	+ 0.76	..
Japanese	56.64	59.98	+ 0.57	..
European	94.44	99.40	+ 0.22	..
Gilt	84.24	88.67	+ 0.30	..
Deposit	78.79	82.93	+ 0.02	..
Managed	87.78	92.31	+ 0.87	.
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000				
United States	70.95	75.77	+ 0.69	0.24
Pacific Basin	77.91	84.83	+ 0.63	..
High Inc Dist	123.20	131.70	+ 1.20	5.39
Ryl Life Intl Cmy	56.77	60.37	+ 0.31	4.35
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	64.31	68.66	+ 0.54	0.028
Ryl Life Intl Spec	80.74	84.61	+ 0.44	..
UK Emerging Cos	119.40	129.00	- 0.10	1.19
UK Inter Trckg	152.10	162.00†	- 1.40	3.40
European	120.80	129.90†	+ 0.20	0.29
Managed	137.90	148.30	+ 1.08	0.86
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0206 764 400				
American Growth	134.70	142.60	...	0.35
European Growth	104.70	110.70	...	0.87
Far East Growth	125.90	134.00	...	0.27
Japan Growth	133.70	142.10	...	
Special Sits	180.50	192.10	...	1.68
UK Growth	71.21	75.75†	...	2.58
Trojan General	224.50	238.90	...	0.67
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	163.50	173.00	+ 3.70	0.22
Gb Euro Prog Inc	331.50	350.80	+ 0.60	0.31
(Accum Units)	512.40	542.20	+ 0.80	0.31
Growth Inc	125.90	132.80	+ 0.80	0.64
(Accum Units)	127.90	135.30	+ 0.80	0.64
International Inc	325.00	343.90	+ 2.10	0.46
(Accum Units)	445.70	471.60	+ 2.80	0.46
Nth Am & Intl Inc	303.50	321.20	+ 1.00	0.30
UK Gen Prog Inc	212.90	225.30	+ 0.90	1.15
UK High Inc Inc	126.90	134.30	+ 1.10	4.03
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	59.43	63.22†	+ 0.76	..
Amer Smllr Cos	71.72	76.30†	+ 0.98	..
Asian Gwth	108.33	115.24	+ 2.65	0.75
European Gwth	63.55	67.61†	+ 0.09	1.00
Global Bd	57.57	60.88	+ 0.14	5.00
Global Eq	60.55	64.41†	+ 0.72	0.50
Japanese Eq	55.10	58.61†	+ 0.46	..
Japan Sm Cos	64.23	68.33	- 0.13	..
UK Gen	50.80	54.04	+ 0.47	2.80
UK Gwth	56.08	59.65†	+ 0.48	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	64.17	68.27	+ 0.39	4.39
Amer Smllr Cos	101.80	108.30	+ 0.70	..
Asian Smaller Cos	44.37	47.20	+ 0.39	..
Capital Portfolio	121.80	129.60	+ 1.40	1.99
Capital	155.10	165.00	+ 1.50	1.25
Cash	125.30	125.30		5.31
China Dragon	57.41	61.07	+ 1.78	0.63
Commodity	127.60	135.10	+ 1.10	0.32
Eastern Discovery	98.42	104.70	+ 1.0	..
Emerging Mkts	41.75	44.41	+ 0.28	..
Energy Inds	116.80	124.00	+ 0.80	0.45
European Gwg	177.60	188.90†	- 0.10	...
Euro Inc & Gwth #	72.89	77.54	+ 0.03	2.09
Euro Smllr Cos	49.84	53.02†	- 0.03	..
Extra Income #	48.49	51.07	+ 0.38	6.45
Financial Secs	190.29	202.30†	+ 1.40	1.06
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.69	50.34	+ 0.18	9.00
Gold & Exploration	79.79	84.88	+ 1.10	
High Return #	214.50	228.20	+ 2.40	4.48
High Yield #	212.70	226.30	+ 2.30	4.13
Income #	113.70	121.00	+ 1.10	4.54
Intl Bond	157.90	168.80	+ 0.40	5.97
ITU	201.40	214.30	+ 1.80	1.54
Japan Growth	175.20	186.40	+ 0.90	..
Japan Smaller	186.20	198.10	+ 0.80	...
Korea	72.58	77.21	+ 0.26	..
Mastershand	53.21	56.61†	+ 0.28	0.80
Scotbits	287.10	305.40	+ 2.10	1.49
Scotshares #	269.90	287.10†	+ 2.60	2.61
Scotyields #	225.60	240.00	+ 2.90	3.92
Select Intl	135.80	144.60	+ 0.90	0.36
Smaller Cos Inc #	238.20	251.30	- 0.40	3.82
SE Asia	54.43	57.90	+ 0.75	
Special Situation	116.30	123.70	+ 1.10	1.28
UK Equity #	230.70	245.40	+ 2.80	2.97
UK Growth	60.00	63.83	+ 0.80	1.56
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	44.73	47.58	- 0.08	0.81
US Growth	138.80	147.70	+ 1.40	0.47
Univ Growth	135.60	144.30	+ 0.80	0.72
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	235.52	250.80†	+ 2.18	0.90
(Accum Units)	257.32	273.80	+ 2.38	0.93
European Gwth	70.25	74.77	+ 0.53	0.98
Euro Smllr Cos	73.00	77.86†	+ 0.25	0.13
Far Eastern Gth	95.07	101.40	+ 1.34	.
(Accum Units)	98.79	103.24	+ 1.38	.
Gilt & Fixed Int #	50.08	52.83	+ 0.20	7.20
Global Bond #	48.63	50.26	+ 0.07	6.27
(Accum Units) #	52.10	53.84	+ 0.07	6.27
Global Emer Mkts	55.90	59.82	+ 0.47	..
(Accum Units)	55.90	59.62	+ 0.47	..
Income #	328.00	349.86	+ 2.18	3.92
(Accum Units) #	£10.22	£10.90	+ 6.79	3.92
Japan Smlr Cos	486.30	518.72	+ 0.32	..
(Accum Units)	487.28	519.76	+ 0.32	..
Japan Enterprise	69.96	74.62	+ 0.66	..
Pacific Growth	125.70	134.06	+ 2.91	.
(Accum Units)	129.76	138.41	+ 3.01	.
Seoul	52.62	56.68	+ 0.14	.
(Accum Units)	52.62	56.68	+ 0.14	.
Smaller Cos	201.84	215.29†	+ 0.38	0.98
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	125.10	133.43	+ 0.40	..
(Accum Units)	126.35	134.77	+ 0.38	..
UK Enterprise	234.97	250.63	+ 2.13	1.99
(Accum Units)	272.60	290.23	+ 2.53	1.99
UK Equity	224.13	239.07	+ 1.45	2.72
(Accum Units)	438.88	468.13	+ 2.79	2.72
US Smllr Cos	145.78	155.49	+ 1.38	.
(Accum Units)	42.31	44.67	+ 0.28	0.48
World Fd	78.74	81.85	+ 0.48	1.97
(Accum Units)	82.68	88.19	+ 0.52	1.97
Institutional Funds				
European	223.75	232.95	+ 1.27	1.35
(Accum Units)	248.13	258.33	+ 1.40	1.35
Euro Smllr Cos	27.42	28.56	+ 0.03	1.70
(Accum Units)	29.10	30.30	+ 0.03	1.70
Global Equity Inc	74.72	77.83†	+ 0.63	0.85
Japan Smllr Cos	39.10	40.72	+ 0.12	..
(Accum Units)	39.40	41.04	+ 0.13	..
Mngd Balances	177.09	184.46†	+ 1.33	2.83
(Accum Units)	199.79	208.11	+ 1.50	2.83
Overseas Equity	183.89	191.55	+ 1.61	0.84
(Accum Units)	189.67	197.57	+ 1.66	0.84
Oseas Smllr Cos	119.64	124.60	- 0.05	0.57
(Accum Units)	124.15	129.32	- 0.68	0.57
Pacific	238.41	248.34†	+ 4.23	1.11
(Accum Units)	260.15	270.99	+ 4.61	1.11
Recovery	£17.26	£17.98	+11.17	3.00
(Accum Units)	£18.05	£18.81	+11.69	3.00
UK Index	144.03	150.03	+ 1.56	3.51
(Accum Units)	175.76	183.08	+ 1.90	3.51
UK Small Cos	108.33	112.84	+ 0.22	2.64
(Accum Units)	114.81	119.58	+ 0.23	2.64
US Smllr Cos	41.57	43.30†	+ 0.26	0.48
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	46.71	49.75	+ 0.58	2.98
Equity Trust	56.91	60.61	+ 0.77	2.38
Equity Strategy	65.32	69.57	- 0.60	1.81
European Opps	81.94	87.27	+ 0.03	0.72
UK Smaller Cos	59.94	63.84	- 0.06	1.36
Midlands Inc	96.21	101.78	+ 0.01	6.42
Japanese	77.24	82.26	+ 0.68	..
Asia Pacific	119.24	126.99	+ 2.23	0.94
American	93.96	100.09	+ 1.00	0.73
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	39.72	39.72	..	5.192
UK General Inc	48.07	51.28	+ 0.43	2.84
(Accum Units)	61.73	65.85	- 0.55	2.84
Intl Income	268.00	285.30†	+ 1.60	1.01
(Accum Units)	460.10	489.70†	+ 2.70	1.01
European	75.78	80.21†	+ 0.31	1.47
Japan	69.10	73.21†	+ 0.54	0.06
American	63.10	66.86†	+ 0.61	1.92
Far East	84.44	90.07	+ 0.90	0.76

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Ethical Inc	28.03	29.90	+ 0.11	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	31.09	33.24†	+ 0.24	2.96
High Inc Inc	33.60	36.06†	+ 0.37	3.44
UK Global Inc	38.78	41.37	+ 0.29	1.57
Wwide Tact	71.73	76.66†	+ 0.34	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	49.91	52.95	+ 0.02	1.51
Technology	103.16	109.85†	+ 0.81	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	356.80	381.10	+ 3.30	3.02
American	243.80	259.10	+ 3.10	0.40
Pacific	377.80	404.10	+ 6.50	0.62
European	517.80	553.80	+ 4.60	1.24
Worldwide	83.91	89.74	+ 0.85	0.77
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	252.60	269.00†	+ 2.60	2.27
(Accum Units)	319.00	339.40†	+ 2.60	2.27
UK Sk Co Eq Inc	186.10	198.00†	+ 0.50	2.31
(Accum Units)	223.00	237.30†	+ 0.50	2.31
Select Oppnty Inc	62.05	66.37	+ 0.33	2.15
Income Plus Inc	65.92	70.13	+ 0.67	4.25
European Inc	325.60	346.40	+ 1.90	0.68
(Accum Units)	367.80	391.30	+ 1.90	0.68
Far Eastern Inc	170.70	181.60	+ 4.20	0.79
(Accum Units)	194.20	206.60	+ 4.20	0.79
Japanese Inc	62.36	66.35	+ 0.60	..
Nth American Inc	227.30	241.90	+ 2.80	0.55
(Accum Units)	250.30	266.30	+ 2.80	0.55
Intl Growth Inc	193.60	206.00†	+ 2.50	0.62
Wwide Venture Inc	75.77	80.61	+ 0.89	0.74
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 031 655 3724				
Equity Inc	338.40	360.90	+ 3.90	2.94
(Accum Units)	496.20	529.20	+ 5.60	2.84
UK High Inc	170.50	181.96	+ 2.00	3.91
(Accum Units)	246.20	262.80	+ 2.90	3.91
Europe Inc	338.20	360.60	- 2.40	0.23
Nth Amer Inc	206.50	220.20	+ 1.70	0.93
Global Inc	194.60	207.60	+ 0.30	0.93
UK Spec Sits Inc	89.93	95.91	+ 0.38	2.16
South East Asia	217.50	231.90	+ 5.40	0.51
Cash Trust Inc	100.10	100.10	..	5.02
UK Smlr Cos Inc	97.37	103.80	- 0.30	2.09
(Accum Units)	98.91	105.50	- 0.20	2.09
Intl Bond Inc	88.39	93.77	+ 0.10	6.36
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	144.60	151.90	+ 0.60	4.59
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	118.20	124.40	+ 0.60	0.86
Nth American	96.05	101.10	+ 1.10	0.56
Intl Bond & Conv	119.30	125.60†	+ 0.20	5.35
Pooled Pension (E)	174.90	188.10†		2.34
Smaller Cos	68.72	72.34†	- 0.82	1.41
UK General	120.70	127.00†	+ 1.40	2.17
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 071 628 8226				
Amer Gth Fund‡	93.19	..	+ 1.06	0.0
Asiac‡	111.80		+ 0.60	0.0
European‡	116.50	..	+ 0.30	0.0
Global Bond‡	93.35		+ 0.16	7.87
Samurai‡	83.38	..	+ 0.49	0.0
UK Growth‡	97.99	...	+ 0.03	2.79
Tai Pan‡	109.60	...	+ 0.81	0.0
UK Emerg Leaders‡	95.80	...	+ 0.04	1.49
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 071 637 5377				
American	272.70	288.50†	- 0.59	0.24
Canadian	65.38	69.07†	- 0.17	0.86
Capital	117.90	125.40	+ 1.30	1.21
Cash	100.88	100.88	+ 0.01	5.54
European	126.00	133.30	+ 0.70	0.58
Far Eastern	155.60	164.70	+ 1.90	..
Growth	126.80	134.20	+ 1.50	1.05
Income	123.80	131.00	+ 1.40	5.84
Magnum	126.20	135.50	+ 1.56	1.19
Smllr Secs	383.30	384.40	- 0.60	0.83
Thoroughbred	147.10	157.90	+ 1.70	1.02
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0202 298 422				
Cash	49.78	50.28†	+ 0.01	5.49
Cardif Primaire	53.70	57.27	+ 0.18	8.10
Ethical	51.64	54.93	+ 0.18	3.20
European Growth	70.83	75.55	+ 0.38	2.70
Income	51.69	55.13†	+ 0.46	6.10
Intl Growth	95.53	102.00	+ 0.80	2.90
Managed	78.60	83.84	+ 0.68	3.80
UK Growth	58.05	61.91	+ 0.49	3.59
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	36.83	39.04	+ 0.40	1.73
Global Advtg Acc	39.25	41.62	+ 0.40	1.73
Income Advtg Inc	30.03	31.84†	+ 0.49	4.39
Income Advtg Acc	32.97	34.95	+ 0.40	4.36
UK Equity Gth Acc	61.34	65.03	+ 0.20	1.60
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	47.74	50.73	+ 0.50	1.58
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	34.16	36.30	+ 0.40	4.26
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	42.31	44.98	+ 0.58	4.26
UK Equity Gen Acc	58.28	61.93	+ 0.70	2.49
UK Equity Gen Inc	43.11	45.81	+ 0.59	2.49
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.85	31.57	+ 0.10	6.45
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	298.20	323.60	+ 1.40	1.58
Nth American Acc	42.22	44.86	+ 0.30	1.33
Far East Acc	66.48	70.64	+ 0.50	0.18
European Acc	49.47	52.57	+ 0.10	0.85
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 071 344 7009				
Global A (NZ$)	3.615	3.834	...	0.55
US Eqts (US$)	2.380	2.401	...	0.72
Far East Eqts (yen)	231.10	245.50	...	
Japan Eqties (yen)	248.80	264.00	...	
FT Europe	117.90	125.30	...	1.59
FT N Amer (US$)	1.715	1.819	...	0.59
FT Japan (yen)	225.20	238.20	...	
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	2.322	2.467	...	0.98
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 031 226 3271				
American	336.80	358.20	+ 4.20	..
British #	955.60	£10.11	+ 6.50	4.27
Emging Mkts	161.20	171.70	+ 1.20	..
European	496.40	529.90	- 0.90	0.93
Japan	148.30	158.50	+ 0.70	..
New Pacific	379.80	405.90	+ 3.50	0.77
(Accum Units)	400.10	427.80	+ 5.80	0.77
Inv Trust Acc	250.60	265.60	+ 1.80	1.22
Mngd Equity	164.80	174.40	+ 0.80	1.43
Mngd Cash	96.32	96.32	+ 0.03	5.29
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	770.90	824.50	+ 7.60	3.44
North America	117.10	125.20	+ 1.50	0.95
Far East	144.30	154.30	+ 2.50	0.04
Wwide Bond	54.63	57.99	+ 0.20	5.39
European	96.55	103.30	+ 0.60	0.14
Equity Income	84.30	90.16†	+ 0.83	4.59
Portfolio	80.61	86.21	+ 0.88	1.77
UK Leading Cos	56.60	60.21	+ 0.56	3.51
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	64.86	69.15	+ 0.07	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
American Growth	32.56	34.85	+ 0.26	0.80
Managed Assets	122.13	130.63	+ 1.11	2.68
UK Income	38.08	40.73†	+ 0.43	3.33
UK Growth	36.69	39.25	+ 0.38	2.55
Worldwide Growth	34.15	36.53†	+ 0.37	0.57
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Discretionary	47.56	50.60		
Cap Protector Inc	40.35	43.18	+ 2.58	2.58
UK Income Inc	48.65	52.03	+ 0.40	3.22
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	31.74	33.95	+ 3.71	3.71
Mngd High Yld Inc	75.89	81.17†	+ 4.23	4.23
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	70.72	75.64†	+ 3.14	3.14
UK Smaller Cos	32.21	34.45	- 0.02	1.70
Pacific Grth Port	45.64	48.81	+ 0.20	0.28
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 0264 345 794				
American	193.90	205.19	+ 1.30	...
(Accum Units)	213.57	226.00	+ 1.43	..
Brit Growth	90.79	96.08	+ 0.88	2.20
(Accum Units)	109.26	115.61	+ 0.81	2.20
European	102.51	108.48	+ 0.04	0.43
(Accum Units)	109.02	115.36	+ 0.05	0.43
Extra Income	182.68	193.31	+ 1.58	4.45
(Accum Units)	309.99	328.03	+ 2.68	4.45
Smaller Cos	67.77	71.71	- 0.07	1.84
(Accum Units)	76.02	80.44	- 0.08	1.64
General	264.34	279.73	+ 2.71	2.48
(Accum Units)	539.70	571.11	+ 5.53	2.48
Premier Income	47.92	49.91	+ 0.22	8.21
(Accum Units)	107.96	112.46	+ 0.50	8.21
Income	313.92	332.19†	+ 3.18	4.27
(Accum Units)	688.31	728.37†	+ 6.97	4.27
Pacific	413.28	437.33	+ 7.25	...
(Accum Units)	434.25	459.53	+ 7.63	..
International	518.40	548.57	+ 3.59	0.12
(Accum Units)	681.65	721.33	+ 4.72	0.12
Nat Resources	158.46	167.68	+ 1.72	..
Sictn Opps	99.10	104.87	+ 0.73	1.46
(Accum Units)	126.16	133.51	+ 0.93	1.46
Environmental Inv	59.37	62.83	+ 0.43	2.03
Selector	58.89	62.32†	+ 0.41	2.31
(Accum Units)	66.43	70.30†	+ 0.47	2.31
High Income	61.86	65.46	+ 0.51	4.75
(Accum Units)	76.97	81.45	+ 0.63	4.73
Intl Income	55.46	58.69	+ 0.19	5.26
(Accum Units)	68.18	72.15	+ 0.22	5.26
Selector Income	57.77	61.14†	+ 0.41	5.35
(Accum Units)	67.85	71.80†	+ 0.48	5.35
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 081 667 1016				
British	309.40	325.60	+ 2.80	2.75
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	196.12	209.76	+ 1.48	1.36
Glob Balncd Inc	169.21	177.76	+ 1.94	2.91
Value Tst Inc	114.99	122.98†	+ 0.54	1.54
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	38.94	40.89	+ 0.06	6.34
European Growth	259.36	275.14	+ 1.57	0.93
Exempt	498.73	527.63†	+ 3.65	3.67
Global Em Mkts	100.26	108.94†	+ 0.89	0.64
Japan Tst	80.34	85.55	+ 0.68	..
Little Dragons	88.25	94.13	+ 2.57	..
Nth Amer Gwth	214.42	228.42	+ 1.86	0.69
Oriental Income	44.43	47.39	+ 0.29	1.42
Preference	115.08	123.05†	+ 0.31	8.87
Tiger	272.11	290.25	+ 6.63	...
(Accum Units)	285.68	304.93	+ 6.33	..
UK Blue Chip	59.03	62.96	+ 0.56	3.14
UK Growth	478.17	512.48†	+ 3.87	2.31
UK High Yield	98.22	105.84†	+ 0.87	3.64
(Accum Units)	316.97	338.68†	+ 2.16	3.64
UK Mid-Cap	240.73	257.46†	+ 1.00	2.16
UK Smllr Cos	98.30	102.99	+ 0.21	1.14
UK Smllr Cos Div	89.82	95.06	- 0.08	5.05
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD 0277 690 338				
UK Equity Income	92.56	98.49	+ 0.60	3.25
UK Equity Growth	82.84	88.13	+ 0.84	2.50
European	66.73	70.99	+ 0.35	0.98
Nth American	65.52	69.70†	+ 0.71	1.08
Far Eastern	71.26	75.81†	+ 1.08	0.73
Money	66.83	66.83	+ 0.01	3.82
Fixed Interest	70.38	74.87	+ 0.16	6.68
Index Linked Gilt	64.18	68.28	+ 0.13	1.35
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 031 226 1551				
Australasian Gold	27.04	28.76	+ 0.06	...
Pacific Basin	45.32	48.21	+ 0.67	...
Can Balncd Gwth	22.15	23.56	..	..
Global Bond (US$)	0.86	0.89	+ 0.00	..
Penny Share	32.07	34.11	- 0.05	..
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 600 0462				
Challenger	93.03	95.19†	+ 0.36	...
Short Dtd Gilt	109.40	110.90	+ 0.28	..
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.72	0.73†	+ 0.00	6.84
Gilt Income	49.33	51.33	+ 0.13	7.50
Gilt Growth	69.04	71.85†	+ 0.31	..
Cay Reserve	53.32	53.32	..	5.34
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INFOTECH

Big business is moving in on the Internet but not everybody welcomes it, writes **Matthew May**

Talking shop turns to shop talk

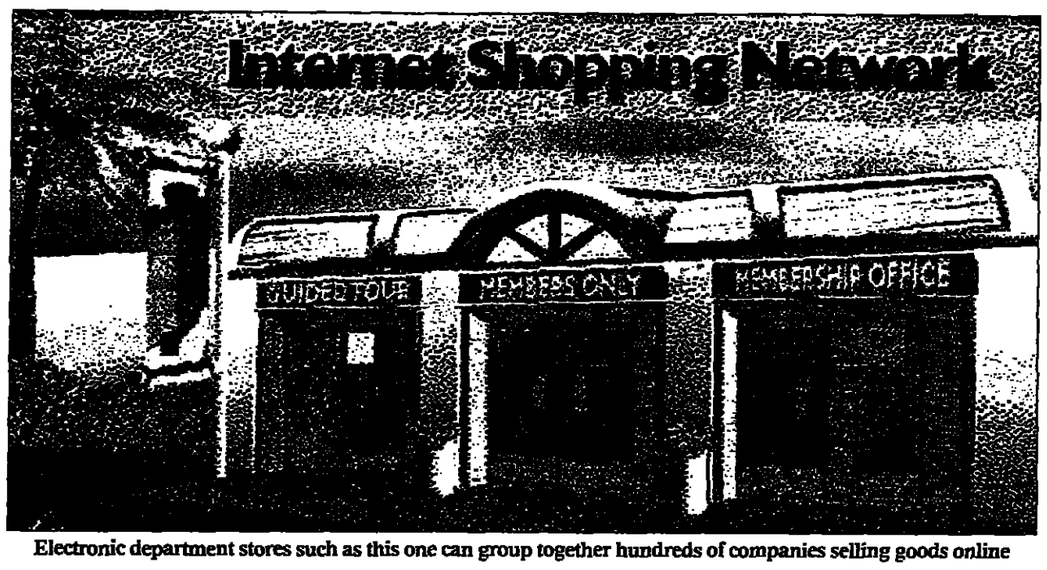
Any business making its computers available to an audience of 20 million people is faced by a security nightmare. Yet this is what is being suggested as the route switched-on companies should follow if they don't want to miss the predicted boom in on-screen shopping by personal computers users.

Next year, millions more people are expected to log onto online services, particularly the global Internet. All that is needed is a personal computer, a telephone line and the willingness to pay from £10 a month for access.

The result is that the Internet network, initially designed to enable research laboratories and universities to share information, can be accessed by more than 20 million people. It is now attracting the excited interest of the largest computer makers and software companies, which see it as a ready-made vehicle to usher in an era of electronic shopping and online advertising that can span the world. It could also become a major source of revenue as they start to sell all sorts of businesses, the products and expertise that will give them an "on-ramp" to the information superhighway.

IBM, for example, has begun a pilot shopping service on the Internet for PC Flowers — an American company which already provides an electronic flower-ordering service for some online networks. The new service, PC Gifts and Flowers, will initially sell flowers, balloons, teddy bears and "gourmet" food. It plans to add video games, watches, cameras and coffee.

Order before midday in America and delivery is promised the next day within the US and in two days to 140 other countries. The service joins hundreds of other cybershops on the Internet. Some provide only information or brochures, but others allow electronic ordering, although many will accept orders from within America only.



Electronic department stores such as this one can group together hundreds of companies selling goods online

Such cyberstores are often listed in electronic department stores such as the Internet Mall set up earlier this year. Accessing the "fifth floor", for example, gives a list of many of the companies selling clothes on the Internet. The Internet Shopping Network, on the other hand, specialises only in computing, yet manages to list 600 companies in its electronic mall.

For IBM, the world's biggest computer company, the hope is that its first venture into electronic shopping on the Internet will be a precursor of something that will turn into a huge moneyspinner. The company also hopes to attract individuals wanting to get wired up by offering an Internet connection service.

The cost of a link is a modest £10 a month but this includes only three hours' "free" access a month with further hours charged at £3. It will compete with companies such as Pipex, based in Cambridge, which offers individual users unlimited access to the Internet for a flat rate of £15 a month. In Britain, it will also be competing for home users with the online services Compuserve and Delphi. These, in addition to Internet access, offer a wide range of information and entertainment services that are available only to their subscribers, such as *The Times* online area on Delphi.

IBM says the advantages of its connection service include local call access from most European countries, North America and Australia. Many more countries are to be added next year, which IBM hopes will appeal to business travellers wanting to log on. It has also developed special software that it claims is faster and easier to use than rivals.

For the moment, that software is available only to PC users who buy IBM's PC operating system, OS/2 Warp, a technically superior but less popular alternative to Microsoft's Windows. A Windows version is being developed.

Computer companies see the Internet as a ready-made vehicle to usher in worldwide electronic shopping

But the move by big business onto the Internet is being greeted with dismay by some users, worried that a cheap service for people to find and swap information, share ideas or send messages will end up being hijacked by companies, which will flood the system with advertising.

There are even a few militant computer hackers wanting to stop the influx of large companies onto the system altogether. Two American reporters who recently wrote a book on hackers, *Masters of Deception: The Gang that Ruled Cyberspace*, had their phone rerouted to an answering machine with obscene messages and found their electronic mail system had been bombarded to capacity.

They were also sent E-mail from the Internet Liberation Front saying "Death to all Corporations on the Net".

As more and more business takes place on the Internet, mischief-making and crime are sure to follow. Gaining customers electronically is one thing, but getting computer viruses or unwelcome hackers who go where they should not, rummaging through company databases and stealing or destroying information, is quite another.

The answer, the computer industry says, is "firewalls" — impregnable barriers that shut off parts of any computer system so that electronic customers cannot stray from their allotted area.

Firewalls can be used to block unwanted log-ons or to file transfers from the Internet. Some companies, including IBM, are starting to offer services run on their own computers and which will handle all inbound and outbound messages, between an electronic customer and a company, to check that the information being moved is legitimate.

Although some companies using the Internet ask for credit card numbers online, many experts believe that electronic shopping will not really take off until a standard method of encrypting credit card numbers is accepted, probably some time next year.

One other problem for companies such as IBM that are moving in on the Internet is that they they may end up being associated with the less savoury aspects of the network, especially the amount of pornography that is fairly easily available.

John Patrick, head of IBM's Internet services, says: "Just the title of some of the discussion groups is something you don't want your kids to see." He believes the answer may be a voluntary rating system, like film certificates, so that parents will be able to bar their children from accessing any services which are rated adults-only as well as those that refuse to provide a rating.

Such is the concern in America that today's online children may be exposed to inappropriate material or risk their safety by interacting with the wrong people that the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children now has a new brochure available — *Child Safety on the Information Highway.*

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ONLINE

News on screen

UNIVERSITY researchers at Kent State University, Ohio, are developing a flat screen computer display, quarter-inch thick, that they say might soon replace paper-printed newspapers, magazines and books.

The scientists, supported by a £1 million-plus government grant, say they have invented a material that produces high-contrast images without the backlights needed in current liquid crystal display technology. It should be ready for commercial use by the middle of next year.

Win, win, win?

IN A move likely to infuriate the National Lottery organisers, a lottery prediction program has gone on sale based on the assumption that the lottery cannot be absolutely random.

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Numbers up

INTEL is insisting that a flaw in its Pentium chip is too rare to merit a general recall, even though IBM has stopped selling PCs that use the chip. Intel says it will offer replacements only to those customers who insist they use their computers for very precise calculations.

Apple's new toy

APPLE Computer has asked a leading Japanese toymaker to produce a gadget — to go on sale by the end of 1995 — which will bring multimedia into the living room, with games, music and educational programs. The multimedia CD-Rom software player — the Pippin, expected to cost £350 — will connect to television sets. Ian Diery, Apple's executive vice-president, says: "It's a lot more than a game machine for a lot less than a PC."

Bin money

THE town of Petersburg, Alaska, plans to buy 750 dustbins equipped with computer chips so that residents can be charged for refuse collection based on the weight of their rubbish.

A computerised system hooked to Petersburg's two refuse vehicles will scan the



chip to establish the dustbin's weight. The system, which will start in July, will cost about £35 a bin.

Held in check

THE Sage Group, which specialises in accounting software, will start selling "security cheques" to combat the increasing use of colour photocopiers, scanners and desktop publishing to commit company cheque fraud.

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Whether car parts are articles

Regina v Registered Designs Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Ford Motor Company Ltd

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Ackner, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Mustill and Lord Slynn of Hadley

[Speeches December 14]

The purpose of the definitions in sections 1(1) and 44(1) of the Registered Designs Act 1949, as substituted by section 265(1) and amended by section 272 of and Schedule 4 to the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, was to distinguish between an item designed for incorporation in a particular article or range of articles made by the manufacturer and, on the other hand, an item designed for general use.

To qualify under section 44(1) a spare part should have an independent life as an article of commerce and not be merely an adjunct of some larger article of which it formed part.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by Ford Motor Company Ltd from the dismissal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Curtis) (*The Times* March 9) of Ford's application for judicial review of a decision dated March 15, 1993 of Mr Julian Jeffs, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge in the Chancery Division as the Registered Designs Appeal Tribunal ([1993] RPC 399).

Ford made certain applications for the registration of designs under section 1 of the 1949 Act, as substituted. The Registrar of Designs and Mr B. G. Harden, as superintending examiner, by his decision dated December 24, 1992 ([1993] RPC 399, 401), decided that Ford's applications were all excluded pursuant to section 1(1). Ford's appeal to the Registered Designs Appeal Tribunal was dismissed, save some applications which were remitted to the registrar. Since there was no appeal to the Court of Appeal from that decision, Ford sought a judicial review.

Section 1 of the 1949 Act provides: "(1) In this Act 'design' means features of shape, configuration, pattern or ornament applied to an article by any industrial process, being features which in the finished article appeal to and are judged by the eye, but does not include ... (b) features of shape or configuration of an article which ... (ii) are dependent upon the appearance of another article of which the article is intended by the author of the design to form an integral part."

Section 44(1) defined "article" as meaning "any article of manufacture and includes any part of an article if that part is made and sold separately..."

Mr Henry Carr for Ford; Mr Michael Silverleaf for the respondents, the Registered Designs Appeal Tribunal and the Registrar of Designs.

LORD MUSTILL said that as set out in the parties' agreed statement of facts and issues the issues were:

1 Were objects which were spare parts for other objects "articles" within the meaning of the Act?

2 What was the true construction of section 1(1)(b)(ii)?

On various dates in 1989 and 1990 Ford submitted to the designs registry a series of applications for registration. Each was accompanied by a pictorial representation of a component. In some of the later applications the pictorial representations were endorsed: "The novelty of the design resides in the features of shape and configuration of the article as shown in the representations."

In their decisions, the superintending examiner and the registrar proceeded on the same assumption, that the individual components as well as the entire vehicles, were "articles": that is, that they fell within the words in section 44(1).

At the hearing before the appeal tribunal the stance of the registrar was entirely reversed. He now asserted for the first time that most, although not all, of the components were not "articles" so that the question whether the design features applied to them were excluded by section 1(1)(b)(ii) could not arise, although it was still maintained by the registrar as an alternative ground for refusing registration.

On the question whether the components in suit were "articles" the appeal tribunal relied principally on the reasoning of Mr Justice Graham in *Sifam Electrical Instrument Co Ltd v Sangamo Weston Ltd* ([1973] RPC 899).

Applying that case to the present dispute the tribunal divided the specimen components into two groups: components such as main body panels, doors, the bonnet lid, the boot lid, the windscreen and the like, all of which were stated to "form part and contribute to the overall shape and appearance of the vehicle" ([1993] RPC 399, 417). None of the items in that group was held to be registrable. The second group comprised parts which, "while *in situ* are contributing features to the appearance of the vehicle, are subsidiary to its essential shape" (supra, at p417), for instance wing mirrors, wheels, seats and the steering wheel, where substitutions were possible while leaving the general shape and appearance of the vehicle unaffected. Those items were by their nature susceptible of being made and sold separately, and, if otherwise satisfying the requirements of the statute, were not precluded from being registered.

Ford's argument was put in various ways. The most attractive, and the one which reflected most closely the use of the present tense in the definition, "... if that part is made and sold separately", was to consider the component as at the time when the relevant operation took place. In relation to a spare part one asked first whether it was made separately, and found that it was; for its fabrication was not part of the manufacture of an entire vehicle. Equally, the part was sold separately; for the customer bought it without at the same time buying the rest of the car. The article thus satisfied both tests.

While acknowledging the attractions of that approach, his Lordship was unable to adopt it. In the first place it must entail that every spare part was an article, with the exception of those acquired at the time of the original purchase, a result which if intended could have been achieved by a much more direct form of words. Furthermore, in some circumstances the proposed reading would be unworkable.

Here the legislation was concerned not with finished articles but with the design sought to be registered, *ex hypothesi* before the articles were made; and the articles themselves were relevant only because they formed the media through which the designs intended to be registered under the statute would be put into effect.

One must look, not to the history of articles which already existed, but to the characteristics which they would have when the design fulfilled its intended purpose. Therefore, there was no escape from the conclusion reached by Mr Justice Graham in the *Sifam* case, that the definition in section 44 must be read as meaning "... if that part is to be made and sold separately".

That was however only the first step, for the meaning of "separately" still had to be ascertained. With cases at either end of the scale that could without strain be read in its ordinary sense.

The purpose of the words of the definitions was to distinguish between, on the one hand, an item designed for incorporation, whether as a spare part or as an original component, in a particular article or range of articles made by the manufacturer of the component, and on the other an item designed for general use, albeit aimed principally at use with the manufacturer's own artifacts.

In many cases the criterion given by the Divisional Court could be applied, namely: that to qualify under section 44(1) a spare part had to have an independent life as an article of commerce and not be merely an adjunct of some larger article of which it formed part.

Inspection of the list of components showed that they could not have been conceived as items of commerce on their own, and indeed Ford did not suggest that they were registrable if the preferred interpretation of section 44 was correct.

In the light of that conclusion the question arose whether the House should express an opinion on the second issue, which concerned the identification of "another article" with which the design sought to be registered had, by virtue of section 1(1)(b)(ii), to be compared. That was the only issue which had been in contention throughout.

His Lordship proposed that the House should not accept the invitation to discuss the meaning of "intended by the author of the design" and "integral part". Similarly, although submissions had been made on the meaning of "dependent", a word which also appeared in paragraph (b), and which might indeed be of importance when the registrar came to consider individual cases, a conclusion on them was not necessary for a decision on whether or not the appeal should be allowed.

It was possible that if the controversy had come forward in a less abstract form, with reference to specific issues illuminated by much more extensive and concrete evidence, some of those points might have been the subject of decisions below which could be reviewed on appeal. This was not that case.

Lord Keith, Lord Ackner, Lord Goff and Lord Slynn agreed.

Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant; Treasury Solicitor.

Privacy infringed by public fact

Regina v Broadcasting Complaints Commission, Ex parte Granada Television Ltd

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice McCowan and Sir Tasker Watkins

[Judgment December 14]

The fact that a matter had once been in the public domain could not prevent its resurrection, even many years later, from being an infringement of privacy within the meaning of the Broadcasting Act 1990 and nor was privacy confined to matters concerning the individual complainant but extended to the family.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal brought by Granada Television Ltd against the dismissal by Mr Justice Popplewell (*The Times* May 31, 1993) of Granada's application for judicial review of decisions of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission (BCC) that two separate *World in Action* programmes entitled "How Safe are our Children?" on February 11, 1991 and "The Allergy Business" on October 15, 1990 were unwarranted infringements of parents' privacy.

Mr Nicholas Chambers, QC and Mr Andrew Caldecott, QC, for Granada TV; Mr David Pannick, QC, for the BCC.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that in 1989 a child, Annette Wade, was raped and murdered. The matter received publicity at the time. On February 11, 1991 Granada broadcast "How Safe are our Children?" which included a photograph of Annette and footage from a previous programme showing the police search.

Granada had not warned Annette's family of their intention to use that material and her father saw the programme by chance in a crowded public house. He was acutely distressed by the experience and complained to the BCC that the programme constituted an unwarranted infringement of his privacy.

In 1987, Helen Sandford died at Bournemouth aged 21. Her death was reported in a local newspaper and discussed in a medical journal. On October 15, 1990 Granada broadcast "The Allergy Business" which showed photographs of three people including a photograph of Helen with the word "dead" superimposed.

Helen's parents had indicated to Granada that they did not wish to be involved in the making of the programme. They were not warned that the programme would include material relating to Helen and saw it at home by complete chance. They, too, were much distressed and complained to the BCC of an unwarranted infringement of their privacy.

On July 25, 1991 the BCC ruled that the transmission of material relating to Annette and Helen respectively, without forewarning their parents, was an unwarranted infringement of their parents' privacy. Granada's applications for judicial review were dismissed by Mr Justice Popplewell.

The constitution of the BCC was governed by Part V of the Broadcasting Act 1990. Its function was contained in section 143, which provided "(1) ... the function of the BCC shall be to consider and adjudicate upon complaints of ... (a) unwarranted infringement of privacy in, or in connection with the obtaining of material included in [television or sound] programmes." The Act contained no definition of "privacy".

It was common ground that if the broadcasting of the programmes infringed the privacy of Mr Wade and Mr and Mrs Sandford, it was open to the BCC to hold that the infringement was "unwarranted" because of the absence of any warning to the complainants. Nor was it part of Granada's case that BCC's findings were *Wednesbury* unreasonable ([*Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednesbury Corporation* ([1948] 1 KB 223).

Granada's case was that the BCC could not, as a matter of law, hold that there had been an infringement of the complainants' privacy because the matter published (i) was already in the public domain and (ii) did not relate to the complainants but to their respective daughters.

Since the 1990 Act contained no definition of privacy it was a reasonable inference to draw that a reason for that was that Parliament considered it more appropriate that the difficult questions of fact and degree and value judgment, raised by the concept of an infringement of privacy, were best left to a specialist body, such as the BCC. Nor had Parliament provided any right of appeal against decisions of the BCC.

The only legal sanction attracted by a finding of unwarranted infringement of privacy was the duty to publish the finding under section 146 of the 1990 Act.

In the light of those considerations, his Lordship accepted Mr Pannick's argument that the court would be slow to overturn a finding of the BCC that the content of a broadcast was an unwarranted infringement of privacy. Unless on no interpretation of the word "privacy" could the findings of the BCC be justified, there was no basis for the grant of judicial review.

In his Lordship's judgment the fact that a matter had once been in the public domain could no prevent its resurrection, possibly many years later, from being an infringement of privacy. Whether in such a case there was an unwarranted infringement of privacy was a matter of fact and degree for the decision of the BCC with which the court could not interfere.

Furthermore, it would be an unacceptably narrow interpretation of the meaning of privacy, and contrary to common sense, to confine it to matters concerning the individual complainant and not as extending to his family.

Again that was a matter of degree for the decision of the BCC. While a reference to a distant relative was unlikely to infringe a person's privacy, a reference to a person's child, particularly where that child had died in tragic circumstances, might well do so. The appeal would be dismissed.

Lord Justice McCowan and Sir Tasker Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Goodman Derrick; Gregory Rowcliffe & Milners.

Discrimination against man with long hair

Smith v Safeway plc

Before Mr Justice Pill, Mrs R. Chapman and Mr D. A. C. Lambert

[Judgment December 9]

A male delicatessen assistant was treated less favourably than female assistants for the purposes of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 when he was dismissed because the length of his hair contravened the employers' rules for the appearance of male delicatessen staff.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held by a majority, Mr Justice Pill dissenting, in allowing an appeal by the employee, Nicholas Andrew Smith, from the dismissal by a Brighton industrial tribunal on January 18, 1993, of his complaints of unfair dismissal and unlawful sex discrimination against his employers, Safeway plc.

Mr Peter Bibby for the employee; Mr Christopher Jeans for the employers.

MR JUSTICE PILL said that the employee was employed as a delicatessen assistant and was dismissed because he let his hair grow long. He had a ponytail. A female employee with hair of the same length and style would not have been dismissed.

The employers submitted that in matters of appearance the law permitted different rules to be applied to men and women provided they enforced a common principle of smartness if read as a whole, and they relied on *Schmidt v Austicks Bookshops Ltd* ([1978] ICR 85).

In *Schmidt* a female employee complained that a requirement to wear a skirt and not trousers while serving the public was unlawful sex discrimination.

The appeal tribunal found that, as there was no comparable restriction which could be applied to male employees, it was impossible to conclude that the women were being treated less favourably. Mr Justice Phillips had said (at p88): "But it seems to us ... realistic ... to say that there were in force rules restricting wearing apparel and governing appearance which applied to men and also to women, although obviously, women and men being different, the rules in the two cases were not the same."

In the present case the lay members of the appeal tribunal had no difficulty in holding that the treatment of the employee was less favourable and self-evidently so.

The requirements laid down by the employers for the appearance of delicatessen staff with respect to hair style were capable of being applied to both men and women in such a way as to take account of convention, and therefore be compatible with *Schmidt*, without the restriction on hair length for men only.

There was no relevant physiological difference between men and women, and unlike other requirements as to appearance a restriction on hair length had effect not only during working hours but at all times.

To make a distinction as to the length of hair permitted was clearly detrimental and fundamentally unfair to men and was inconsistent with the purposes of the 1975 Act. There was a breach of the Act and the employee was unfairly dismissed.

The chairman found the question much more difficult, once the authority of the long standing decision in *Schmidt* was accepted, and felt obliged to dissent.

Employers were entitled to lay down reasonable requirements as to the way employees presented themselves at work if, for example, they came into contact with the public.

Provided requirements for men and women reasonably related to current perceptions of what was a conventional appearance for men and women, they did not treat one sex less favourably than the other. The sexes were treated differently but equally by the standard of what was conventional, a standard which the employers were entitled to require of delicatessen assistants.

Solicitors: Free Representation Unit; Cartwrights, Bristol.

Power to exclude costs from service charge

Iperion Investments Corporation v Broadwalk House Residents Ltd

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment November 23]

The court's discretion under section 20C of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985, as inserted by section 41(1) of and paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987, to direct that costs incurred by a landlord in litigation with his tenant should be excluded from a service charge payable by the tenant would be properly exercisable in a case where the tenant had been successful in litigation against the landlord, albeit that under the lease the costs in question were within the service charge recoverable from the tenant.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the defendant landlord, Broadwalk Residents Ltd, against that part of the order made by Mr Bruce Mauleverer, QC, sitting on official referee's business, which directed, *inter alia*, that certain costs incurred by the landlord in litigation with the plaintiff tenant, Iperion Investments Corporation, were not to be regarded as relevant costs to be taken into account in determining the amount of any service charge payable by the tenant or any other person or persons specified in the application; and the court may make such order on the application as it considers just and equitable in the circumstances."

Mr Simon Berry, QC, for the landlord; Mr David Neuberger, QC and Mr Stephen Jourdan for the tenant.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBSON, having held, contrary to the judge, that on a true construction of the underlease the litigation costs in question fell within costs recoverable by way of the service charge, said that section 19 of the 1985 Act prevented a landlord from recovering so much of a service charge as consisted of costs unreasonably incurred.

Section 20C went further: "(1) A tenant may make an application to the appropriate court for an order that all or any of the costs incurred, or to be incurred, by the landlord in connection with any proceedings are not to be regarded as relevant costs to be taken into account in determining the amount of any service charge payable by the tenant or any other person or persons specified in the application; and the court may make such order on the application as it considers just and equitable in the circumstances."

Thus it was apparent that the court had a discretion to direct that litigation costs be excluded from a service charge, even if the costs had passed the test of section 19 and had been reasonably incurred.

The obvious circumstance which Parliament had to be taken to have had in mind in enacting section 20C was a case where the tenant had been successful in litigation against the landlord and yet the costs of the proceedings were within the service charge recoverable from the tenant.

It was unattractive that a tenant who had been substantially successful in litigation against his landlord and who had been told by the court that not merely need he pay no part of the landlord's costs but had had an award of costs in his favour should find himself having to pay any part of the landlord's costs through the service charge.

In general, in his Lordship's judgment, the landlord should not "get through the back door what has been refused at the front": see *Holding and Management Ltd v Property Holding and Investment Trust plc* ([1989] 1 WLR 1313, 1324) per Lord Justice Nicholls.

In the instant case the tenant's reprehensible conduct had been reflected in the award of costs, the proportion of costs awarded to it having been lower than what it otherwise would have been had the tenant behaved unexceptionably throughout. That being so it seemed both just and equitable to exercise the discretion under section 20C, directing as the judge in fact had done.

Lord Justice Waite agreed and Lord Justice Staughton delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Donne Mileham & Haddock, Brighton; Collyer-Bristow.

Council liable over mud on road

Misell v Essex County Council

Before Mr Justice Colman

[Judgment November 18]

Where heavy vehicles had dropped mud on to a road, the council responsible for maintaining the road had failed under section 58(1) of the Highways Act 1980 to take such care as was in all the circumstances reasonably required to secure that the highway was not dangerous, and had been negligent at common law, when it neither asked those responsible to clean their vehicles and sweep the road nor widened the road, reinforced banks, swept the road more often nor put up signs.

Mr Justice Colman so held in the Queen's Bench Division in awarding David Misell damages for personal injuries resulting from Essex County Council's failure of duty under section 41 of the 1980 Act and its negligence at common law.

The plaintiff had claimed for injuries sustained when he had an accident while driving his motor cycle.

The mud had been put on to the road by vehicles belonging to Cory, which operated a quarry and landfill site, partly by the gouging effect of the vehicle's wheels on the verges and partly by their dropping mud directly on to the road.

Mr John Foy for the plaintiff; Mr Matthias Kelly for the council.

MR JUSTICE COLMAN said the council was under a statutory duty to prevent or remove the danger arising from the accretion of mud under section 41 of the 1980 Act.

The council had swept the road once a week if all went well. Sweeping would help the situation but after a few hours mud would accumulate again.

It might well be that if real efforts had been made to get Cory to help by washing their vehicles before they left the site and by sweeping mud Cory might have done so. The council's failure to attempt that was an insufficient exercise of care for the safety of traffic. The absence of a statutory power to require Cory's cooperation did not excuse failing to try to gain it when that was an obvious step in the interests of safety.

In the absence of persuading Cory to cure the problem, various steps could have been taken to alleviate the hazard or remove it, such as widening the road, reinforcing the banks to prevent vehicles riding up them, more frequent sweeping or at the very lowest, the erection of warning signs, specifically referring to the danger of skidding on wet mud.

The council had not taken such care as the circumstances required to maintain the highway within section 58 of the Act. The council was in breach of its statutory duty under section 41 of the Act and of its duty of care at common law.

Solicitors: Pattinson & Brewer, Chatham; Maudsley, Wright & Pearson, Basildon.

Court of Session — Scots Law Report December 16 1994 — Court of Session

Resiling from contract to buy land

Hutton v Barrett and Another

Before Lord Cameron of Lochbroom

[Judgment October 26]

Where contract for the sale of land provided that the purchaser could resile if he was not satisfied that the terms of the conveyance would give title to that which he had contracted to buy, in considering whether or not he was satisfied the purchaser was obliged to act in good faith and not capriciously or arbitrarily; but it was sufficient to entitle him to resile that there were material differences, which were not *de minimis*, between the subjects described in the contract and those proffered in the conveyance.

Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, sitting in the outer house of the Cousrt of Session, so held sustaining a plea by Nicholas Bryan Connynghame Barrett and another to the relevancy of an action of declarator and damages brought against them by Timothy Horace Hutton, and dismissing the action.

Mr Philip Brodie, QC, for the pursuer; Mr Rory Anderson for the defenders.

LORD CAMERON said that the parties' contract, which was for the sale of land to the defenders, provided that the pursuer would convey the land as it was owned by him subject to certain specific adjustments of the boundaries and rights of access in connection with a neighbouring property; and that the defenders would have "five working days from the receipt by them of the final version of the deed carrying through the boundary alterations ... during which ... [the defenders] will require to satisfy themselves as to the position. In the event of [the defenders] not being so satisfied, [the defenders'] remedy will be to resile from these missives without penalty being due to or by either party."

The pursuer subsequently delivered to the defenders a copy of the conveyance in favour of the neighbour giving effect to the alterations. The defenders responded four days later, stating that they were not satisfied with the position as disclosed by the conveyance and were resiling from the contract.

In particular, they founded upon the facts that the conveyance granted to the neighbour a right of access over a half-share of a courtyard which was to have been sold to the defenders, and prohibited any future owner of the courtyard from building or parking vehicles on it. It had not previously been intimated to the defenders that their title was to be so burdened.

The pursuer sought damages for the loss and damage ensuing from the defenders' withdrawal, contending that the burdens were not such a material alteration to his original title as to entitle a reasonable person to resile.

Although the additional burdens were more than *de minimis*, they were not outwith the limits of the bargain and accordingly the contract had room for an implied term that, in considering whether they were satisfied with the position disclosed by the conveyance, the defender would act reasonably.

It was, his Lordship considered, plain that parties had intended that if the conveyance tendered matched the boundary changes identified in the missives, then no ground to be dissatisfied could exist and there would be no place for an arbitrary or capricious decision to resile, since such a decision could not be in good faith.

Parties were agreed that if the comparison threw up changes which were essentially *de minimis* the same result followed. The terms of the contract did not deal with the inclusion, after the bargain had been concluded, of burdens which were not apparent *ex facie* of the original title and to which no allusion had previously been made.

The present contract was unlike those in *Gordon District Council v Wimpey Homes Holdings Ltd* (1989 SLT 141) and *Rockliffe Estates plc v Co-Operative Wholesale Society Ltd* (1994 SLT 592).

There the issues which were to be the subject of decision by one party, although specifically foreshadowed in the contracts themselves, were incapable of being detailed at the date when the bargain was concluded. In the circumstances it was not surprising that upon a proper construction it had been held in each case that the parties had not intended to leave the matter of satisfaction to the caprice of the party to whom the decision had been left, and therefore that it was appropriate to read in an implied term to the effect there contended for.

The present issue was whether the pursuer had proffered a deed of carrying through the agreed alternation and those alone. The answer to that question had to be in the negative. That indeed was recognised by the pursuer in his concession that that the alterations were not *de minimis*.

All that the defenders had bound themselves to do was to satisfy themselves that the title which they were to receive would comprehend the subjects of sale and nothing less. They were not obliged to hold themselves as bound, if it was apparent *ex facie* of the conveyance that the subjects of sale would be subject to additional burdens.

There was no room for any implied term. It might be said that if they were to act in good faith and not capriciously or arbitrarily, there had to be some reason or ground upon which the defenders could properly base dissatisfaction with the deed proffered and thus say that when it was read with the original title, it did not give title to the subjects bargained for. But such reason or ground appeared *ex facie* of the deeds offered by the pursuer.

Law agents: Brodies, WS; W. & J. Burness, WS.

Inappropriate to grant order for implement of contractual obligation

Overgate Centre Ltd v William Low Supermarkets Ltd

Before Lord Cameron of Lochbroom

[Judgment October 26]

Although it was competent to grant an interim order for specific implement of a contractual obligation, it was inappropriate to grant such an order where there was a fundamental dispute about the facts; and in any event, an order obliging a defender "to use and occupy and trade from" a shop was incompetent, because it was too wide and inspecific.

Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, sitting in the Outer house of the Court of Session, so held, refusing *in hoc statu* a motion by Overgate Centre Ltd seeking an interim order under sections 46 and 47(2) of the Court of Session Act 1988 ordaining William Low Supermarkets Ltd to take possession of and to use and occupy and trade from a shop in a shopping centre as a shop within class 1 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Scotland) Order (SI 1989 No 147).

Mr William Nimmo Smith, QC, for the pursuers; Mr Stuart Gale, QC and Mr Gerard Moynihan for the defenders.

LORD CAMERON said that the relevant lease provided that it was of their essence that the defenders should "use and occupy and trade from the premises" as a shop in terms of class 1 of the 1989 Order throughout the whole period of the lease. A dispute had arisen as to whether the pursuers had consented to an assignation of the lease. The pursuers averred that, in the meantime, the defenders had removed from the subjects, which had been boarded up. The present action was for declarator that the defenders were still their tenants and for a permanent order in the same terms as that which was presently sought *ad interim*.

The pursuers submitted that the order was competent, under reference to *Church Commissioners for England v Abbey National plc* (1994 SLT 959); *Church Commissioners for England v Nationwide Anglia Building Society* (1994 SLT 897); and *Salaried Staff London Loan Co Ltd v Swears and Wells Ltd* (1985 SC 139). His Lordship accepted those submissions.

In principle there was no bar upon the ground of competency to an order for specific implement *ad interim* where parties' rights inter se were still in issue as to matters which bore upon the terms of the order itself. The court's discretion fell to be exercised in the ordinary way: by considering whether there was a *prima facie* case, and more generally, where the balance of convenience lay.

Under reference to the opinion of Lord Cullen in *Maersk Co Ltd v National Union of Seamen* (1988 SLT 828, 831), the defenders submitted that where there was a fundamental dispute on fact, which in the present case was as to whether or not the pursuers had consented to the assignation, the court could not act by way of interim order until such time as that dispute had been resolved.

The pursuers, on the other hand, submitted that it was sufficient that their account of the facts was the more probable. His Lordship did not find it possible to reach any preliminary view as to whether that was so. His Lordship agreed with the view expressed by Lord Cullen that it would be inappropriate to make any interim order.

His Lordship was fortified in that view by the defenders' submission that it was not competent to seek specific implement of an obligation to carry on a commercial activity since the order would lack the requisite precision and so could not be enforced (*Grosvenor Developments (Glasgow) plc v Argyll Stores* (1987 SLT 738); *Poste Properties Ltd v Miller and Santhouse plc*, (1993 SLT 353 *Church Commissioners for England v Abbey National plc* (supra, per Lord Clyde at p968); *Dowty Boulton Ltd v Wolverhampton Corporation* ([1971] 1 WLR 204, 211-212 per Pennycuick V-C).

In *Grosvenor Developments*, as in *Dowty Boulton*, the fact that the order sought had been only an interim order had not affected the court's view that even so it could not be granted. In the *Postel* case, Lord Sutherland had said at p356):

"Finally, there is the position as appears in *Grosvenor Developments* where what was said to be a perfectly valid lease was nevertheless regarded as being unsuitable for pronouncing an order for specific implement. Where what is required to be done by one part is not a clear and specific act to be performed at a clear and specific time, but is simply a general duty to be performed over a long period during which circumstances might change, I consider that the inevitable aura of vagueness which must surround any such proposition is fatal to a party seeking an order *ad factum praestandum*" (cf *Grosvenor Developments*, per Lord Kincraig at p741).

His Lordship was persuaded that the terms of the order sought in the present case went far to far at the interim stage and he would have so regarded the order even if the defenders had admitted that they were in breach of their contractual obligations and were continuing to be so.

Law agents: Maclay Murray & Spens; Brodies, WS.

Clause extinguishes hirer's right of relief

Halliday v Lyall and Scott Ltd

Before Lord Johnston

[Judgment November 3]

A provision in the insurance clause of a hire contract providing that the hirer "shall be responsible for all third-party claims howsoever arising" was not merely an arrangement concerning the handling of claims but extinguished any right of contribution or relief which the hirer might otherwise have had where it was alleged that the negligence of the owner had led the hirer's use of the goods to cause injury to a third party.

Lord Johnston, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, dismissing Kennings Ltd from an action brought by Stephen Briton Halliday against his employers, Lyall and Scott Ltd, into which the employers had brought Kennings as a third party.

Mr Alan Dewar for the pursuer; Mr Derek Francis for the defenders; Mr Gerald Hanretty for the third party.

LORD JOHNSTON said that the pursuer claimed damages consequent upon an injury allegedly caused by a defect in a vehicle hired by the third party to the defenders.

The parties were agreed that the clause was not one of indemnity and so the long tract of authority as to how such clauses should be construed as being liable or not to include negligence of the proferens did not have to be considered.

The third party submitted that it regulated where certain risks should lie, and relied upon *Scottish Special Housing Association v Wimpey Construction UK Ltd* (1985 SLT 559) to establish that the contract should be construed by its plain meaning so as to give effect to the parties' intentions regardless of the consequences. Similarly, *Thompson v T. Lohan (Plant) Ltd* ([1987] 1 WLR 649) had not sought to decide the matter by reference to general legal principles but simply as a construction of the contract.

The defenders submitted that this was merely an administrative clause regulating who should handle the claim which did not cut down any rights of subrogation that their insurers might have against the third party, nor indeed any common law rights that the defenders might have to seek relief from the third party having dealt with the claim.

The modern tendency of the courts, in both jurisdictions, with regard to contracts of a commercial nature, was to endeavour to give effect to what the parties appeared to have intended even if certain consequences as a matter of general law might flow therefrom: for example, *Stephen (Forth) Ltd v Riley UK Ltd* (1976 SC 152). Even if the consequences of the construction sought by the third party were diminution of the rights that would otherwise obtain in favour of the defenders or the insurers, that was nothing to the point if the clause could be given a clear and specific meaning.

The defenders' contention did violence to the language since it required the addition of some phrase such as "the handling of third-party claims shall be the responsibility" of the defenders.

The clause was intended to regulate the risk of all third-party claims. That risk lay solely with the defender and in the absence of any questions of supervening illegality or unfairness, the general law admitted the efficacy of such a contractual arrangement.

Law agents: Digby Brown & Co, Cochran Sayers & Cook; Simpson & Marwick, WS.

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THEATRE: A hard-hitting revival of dark foreboding; new lyrical talent on display; crown-snatching in Croydon

Brecht to the future

The Threepenny Opera
Donmar Warehouse

AS WE now know, Brecht regularly stole other people's work: but in the case of *The Threepenny Opera* he openly admitted that his source was John Gay. Whether his plagiarism of *The Beggar's Opera* was necessary or effective is another matter. Without Weill's music you have a script that adds surprisingly little to the original. Indeed, previous productions have left me feeling that Gay's point, that the lower depths are no more rackety than the upper social slopes, gets muzzied not sharpened during its journey through Bertolt's doctrinaire conscience.

But Phyllida Lloyd's splendidly inventive revival forces us doubters to think again. True, she has taken liberties with *The Threepenny Opera*, including the rather serious one of cutting the scene in which Macheath's wife, Polly Peachum, transforms his crime syndicate into a "respectable" banking business. But could she have achieved as much with 18th-century English as she does with Robert David Macdonald's colloquial translation of modern German? Gay did not provide her with the same opportunity to stage what we get at the Donmar: 2001, A Spiv's Odyssey.

Her futurism makes an advantage of much that now seems irrelevant or anachronistic in Gay and Brecht. Prince William is about to be crowned. The death penalty has been restored, though Macheath faces electrocution in front of a gloating TV audience instead of public hanging. And beggary and crime have spread and spread, until destitutes are organising demos that tax police violence to the limit. Can we really be sure that this won't be London in six years' time?

One could argue that, by equating Peachum's army of vagrants with our own homeless, Lloyd inadvertently suggests what recent evidence has tended to disprove: that those cadging alms in the Strand are actually a well-orchestrated load of petty profiteers. But that is not an objection likely to linger in the mind, for her revival is a lot harder hitting than the others I have seen. "Victoria's getting poorer than Calcutta," rasps Tom Mannion's Scottish Peachum in "Life's a Bitch", as the song "The World is Hard" has been retitled; and on slither shapes in dark sleeping bags, presumably to join his mainlining boy-tramps and girls with placards of "I have Aids, hug me" round their necks.

Macheath himself is played by Tom Hollander, on the face of it odd casting for the gentle, earnest actor I recall as Celia in an all-male *As You Like It*. But helped by a tiny moustache, a scar and an Essex-accented sneer, he gives a marvellously unsentimental performance. This is no gentleman-buccaneer surrrounded by like-minded outcasts, but a mean, sly hood protected by louts in leather and sincere only when he sings "you have to kill your neighbour to survive, it's selfishness that keeps a man alive". The actors mourning or accelerating his journey to death-row are less impressive, though Tara Hugo's Jenny Diver makes an impact when she ironically celebrates his feats in lyrics as black as her petticoat. Again, Weill's worldly-wise music seems less textured than it might be. Even in the bland National revival of 1986, it left me thinking of coins, chains, the rattle of keys and the sound of bones being loaded into carts; here, it seems too cool, dry and thin.

But helped by Macdonald's abrasive text and Jeremy Sams's bold, witty rhymes, the production overcomes weaknesses that would sink many others. It is brisk and brazen, pointed and punchy, and altogether better than Brecht deserves.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Tom Hollander (Macheath), Sharon Small (Polly Peachum), Tom Mannion (Mr Peachum), Tara Hugo (Jenny)

Lines of quicksilver

Mercury Workshop Musical Revue
Jermyn Street

IN THE days when intimate revues were a normal, though camp, feature of the West End scene, they sported daffy names (*Share My Lettuce*) or hinted at naughtiness (*Intimacy at 8.30*), or at least gave notice that the contents would offer light relief (*Six of One, Pieces of Eight*). The title of this latest resurrection of the genre, devised by Julia McKenzie with Kit Hesketh-Harvey, scores top marks for accuracy of description but is low on the scale for enticement. What, who, where is Mercury Workshop?

It is "the only writer-based organisation dedicated to the development and presentation of new musical theatre", and "comprises 41 of Britain's most talented lyricists and composers". So what they are presenting, in this pocket-sized, 60-seat basement theatre, is a sequence of songs — the words more interesting than the music — to remind us that musical theatre has not reached a full stop with Andrew Lloyd Webber.

There is much evidence of talent here, neat rhyming, wit, clever compression of contemporary follies into the format of a song. The songwriting team of Anthony Drewe and George Stiles wonder why roadworkers have this compulsion to exhibit rear cleavage; and in a second song fashionable restaurants are nicely criticised for serving up "A Little Bit Of Nothing On A Big White Plate", though nowadays *nouvelle cuisine* must surely be *vieux chapeau*.

Perhaps the revues of yore always did depend for success on the skills and charm of the performers. This is certainly the case here, where the company of four, fitting this fortnight's run between other West End engagements, show lively humour in the way they point their lines, zestfully leap into parody, and sing with delicacy and panache.

In "The Piano Player's Mine" (lyrics, Vicky Salter; music, Warren Wills), the enchanting Janie Dee can poke fun at the histrionic anguish of a blues number while also establishing the song's right to be an authentic piece of blues. Angela Richards is equally deft at mimicry (Eartha Kitt, Norma Desmond) and at playing a straightish role: in "I Never Knew" (Shaun McKenna-Guy Kitchenn) she is a lady from Penge describing sexual practices newly learnt from mags, gurgling over the word *frottage*, embarrassed but awfully keen to share.



Skilful quartet: Pacey, Dee, Carter, Richards

Likewise the men, Clive Carter and Steven Pacey, hymning the virtues and multitudinous rhymes of a guinea pig, and the fecundity (in Cole Porter/Coward style) of Chico from Puerto Rico.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Good treasons for a medieval romp

The Court Jester
Warehouse, Croydon

AS A general rule, comedies set in the Middle Ages fail to be funny, *Jeremy Kingston writes*. There are exceptions, of course, the immortal *Blackadder* for one, and though this frolic by Roy Smiles is hardly in that class it survives an iffy start to become an engaging two hours of medieval merriment. It even finds space to include the occasional serious remark about the nature of love and the hatefulness of kings.

We are in the last year of the reign of senile Edward III, memorably described by his son, John of Gaunt, as "a dribbling bedwetter with the intelligence of a tree stump". Gaunt, a sexual athlete far removed from Shakespeare's stately visionary, runs true to the type of a medieval uncle, plotting to kill his nephew, Richard, and seize the crown.

Nervous, ingenuous Edgar Horsewarren, scion of a family of jesters, leaves Sevenoaks to try his luck at court, accidentally saves the life of Richard's intended bride and is caught up in the main plot — how to avoid being taken to bed by Gaunt's mistress, the scheming Alice Peres — and then catapulted into the secondary plot, which is all about the priest John Ball, busy protesting against the poll tax (the original one) and about to become a leader of the Peasants' Revolt.

That's enough about the plots, except that Smiles weaves them artfully together and contrives a sublimely absurd end to the first half with Miltos Yerolemou's Edgar and Alan Cooke's Ball chained in a torture chamber but able to look on the bright side — "Hey nonny nonny!" — and enjoy a spot of synchronised writhing.

All this is set on Peter Lindley's traverse stage, with the throne at one end, dungeon at the other, and a large bed in between. Yerolemou's seraphic smile warms you to his character at once; he has bounce, though I hate to think what the pratfalls are doing to his vertebrae, and when stripped of the top half of his motley and menaced by Gaunt, his hands instinctively move to protect his nipples. The effect is comical but endearing.

Benedick Blythe makes a wittily sarcastic villain, in the Terry-Thomas mode but better looking; Duncan Wisbey is a poised Richard; and I really enjoyed Fiona Christie's performance as the plucky princess. The weak link in Ted Craig's otherwise agreeable production is Jessica Martin's Alice, who needs to be Machiavelli but is played as Maid Marion.

RADIO: A Saturday morning pleasure

Delicious shots of dry Sherrin

Loose Ends
Radio 4

NED SHERRIN is one of those English treasures who is insufficiently lauded in his own country. He is sort of famous, in that for every ten people who recognise his name about two know why they have heard of him. And one of those thinks that he probably retired on the proceeds of *That Was The Week That Was*, which he produced for BBC Television in the 1960s. Sherrin has been a stalwart of the English theatre these many years, as impresario, producer and writer, but he gets into this column for a radio programme called *Loose Ends*, which had its 400th edition last Saturday morning.

I detest anniversaries. But I am consistently inconsistent, so I shall use this anniversary as an excuse to write about *Loose Ends*, though not without first bowing in the direction of Michael Green, the controller of Radio 4.

The scheduling of Saturday morning programmes makes that time of the week one of the strongest in all of radio, from the *Today* programme at 7am through the urbane Cliff Morgan's *Sport on 4* and the somewhat over-chirpy holiday programme, *Breakaway*. *Loose Ends* is followed by an hour of politics — *The Week in Westminster* and *Europhile* — and then come *Money Box* and *I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue*. Try picking holes in that lot for variety; try finding anything to match it in the commercial sector.

The idea of *Loose Ends* is that half a dozen or so people from diverse backgrounds gather around Sherrin for an hour and, er, talk. Or sing a song or play a harp. There is a certain amount of luvvie-ness, though even this potential annoyance is redeemed by being hyperbolic, not po-faced.

Loose Ends is live, so there is also a certain amount of danger, especially attached to Victor Lewis Smith, formerly the programme's resident loose cannon, about whom there used to be so many complaints that a special complaints line was set up for sensitive listeners: Smith was on the other end of it and the calls were transmitted live.

Just about everyone from J.P. Donleavy to Britt Ekland has been mocked, admired and mockingly admired in the programme's interview slots, and there have been some quite superb examples of one-upmanship, as when Carol Thatcher walked out halfway through the programme in order to attend the wedding of her brother, Mark: the point being that she had turned up so that the listener could be told why she had to leave.

But nothing of the detail can convey the atmosphere of the show, which is absolutely in the gift of Sherrin: it simply would not work with anyone else. Saturday's programme was transmitted live from his flat, exactly the sort of ridiculous indulgence that makes *Loose Ends* what it is.

Loose Ends is the radio programme for middle-class theoretical anarchists, an hour of skittish and slightly risky fun for civilised dissidents, for those of us who would cheerfully burn down Whitehall if only the buildings were not Grade I listed. Lovely stuff.

PETER BARNARD

CONCERTS: Rousing Russian patriotism and moody French songs

Violence under control

RPO/Gergiev
Festival Hall

THIS concert was part of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's Maryinsky-Kirov series, which has been devised by the conductor on this occasion, Valery Gergiev, and which celebrates the importance of St Petersburg and the Kirov as one of the world's great cultural centres. It began with Prokofiev's cantata *Alexander Nevsky*, made from his music for Eisenstein's patriotic film of 1938.

Nevsky is a work of rousing, tuneful fervour and embarrassing patriotic brashness, but it is brilliantly done, especially considering the speed at which Prokofiev was required to work and the intolerable pressure of having to satisfy a ruthless regime. The inventive level of the score is remarkably high, marked with his genius. And after all, the work can be taken in different ways: it is easy to hear the struggle for victory in "The Battle on Ice" ironically, as a struggle against all dictators.

Even if that were not the case, and even if the rest of the work were pure bombast, there would always be the saving grace of the aria "Field of the Dead", in which a girl searches the battlefield for the body of her loved one. Here the mezzo-soprano Larissa Diadkova was ideal: she sings with an authentic Russian sound but a rich one too, and she allies an intense dramatic presence with the surest musical instincts. The orchestra played well too, violent and noisy enough when it needed to be but stepping back from the edge of too clumsy a militaristic gait; and the Royal Choral Society sang with admirable solidity.

The programme continued with Rimsky-Korsakov's symphonic suite *Sheherazade*, which Gergiev shaped and paced carefully. He was sensibly content to allow the RPO to sound like a well-rounded British orchestra rather than a pale imitation of a Russian one with sinewy woodwinds and tremulous horns. No atmosphere was thus lost. Jonathan Carney, the RPO's leader, charmed us in the notoriously difficult violin solos, representing Sheherazade herself, while the various cadenzas — and particularly Christopher Cowie's creamy oboe — also sounded good in the second movement.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Happy idea for songs of sorrow

Pollet/Le Roux
Wigmore Hall

ONE of the major figures of French Romantic poetry, Théophile Gautier was also central to the development of the *mélodie*, or French song. A man of cultivated musical tastes — he appreciated Berlioz and Wagner long before they were accepted — Gautier wrote many poems with musical setting in mind. He was willing to cooperate with composers, even inviting them to suggest changes to facilitate the setting of the texts.

It was thus a happy idea for Françoise Pollet and François Le Roux to devote their recital in the French Season (in association with the French Institute) to settings of Gautier by Gounod, Fauré, Chausson, de Falla, Duparc and Berlioz. Perhaps "happy" is not the word, for the prevailing atmosphere was sombre. Of the three Fauré settings, for example, the titles of "Seule" and "Tristesse" say it all, while "La chanson du pêcheur" is an evocation of the grief of a bereaved lover. Chausson's little-known "La caravane", which makes little attempt to hide the influence of Wagner's *Parsifal*, was also an interesting inclusion, its trudging chromatic motif depicting the trek across "the Sahara of the world".

Pollet and Le Roux alternated their songs, occasionally joining in duet. Of the two, Le Roux is the more finely attuned to nuances of phrase, to the possibilities of colouring words: each of his songs was delivered with wonderful control of line and tone. Pollet has a no less attractive instrument at her command, and in a song of sustained sorrow, such as Duparc's "Au pays où se fait la guerre", she raises the emotional temperature with masterly economy.

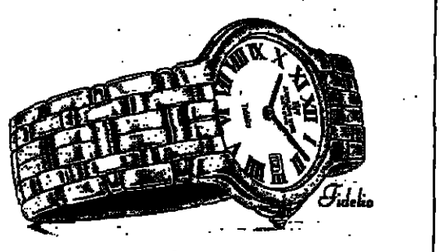
But it is over larger canvases, such as Berlioz's "Le spectre de la rose", with its expansive ends of stanzas, that she is heard to best advantage. Berlioz's "Les nuits d'été" hardly dispels the gloom — these are summer nights full of despair. Each singer made the most of extrovert moments, however, with Le Roux memorable in the throbbing passion of "Sur les lagunes".

A final word for the superb accompaniments of Roger Vignoles. Whether depicting the darting of Chausson's butterflies, or the darkness of the tomb in Duparc's "Lamento", Vignoles set the moods perfectly for the soloists. This was pianism of the highest order.

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE: St John's annual Christmas festival opens this weekend with a concert of romantically-inclined 20th-century music from Polyphony. Other highlights include an a cappella concert from the Sixteen, two interpretations of Handel's's *Messiah* and choirs from Oxford and Wells Cathedrals.
St John's, Smith Square, SW1 (071-222 1061). Sat and Sun, 7.30pm. Until Dec 23

THE RIVALS: For a real treat, don't miss Richard Cottrell's production from Chichester, with Patricia Routledge's splendidly wild Mrs Malaprop like a face-encrusted windmill. Limited season.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat 3pm. Until Jan 14

MUSICAL MERRIMENT: The Barbican hosts a sleigh-full of holiday jollity, with five concerts over the next four days. John Scott and the **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** lead the way tonight and the Thomas Tallis Choir joins in for tomorrow afternoon's **Glory of Christmas**. Conductor Richard Hickox then takes the podium for three evenings of music from the **London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus**.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Mon, 7.30pm; Sat, 3pm. Check for ticket availability

A JAZZY INTERLUDE: Bob Wilber and his quartet offering a refreshing change to the holiday musical fare. The party starts on Sunday when Wilber is joined by French vibraphonist Dany Doriz; Monday is a tribute to Benny Goodman with clarinettist Dave Shephard. A different guest every night to next Friday.
Pizza on the Park, 11 Knightsbridge, SW1 (071-235 5550). Sun, from 9pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: The great diva **Montserrat Caballé** gives a true Christmas gala on Sunday evening, with the London Concert Orchestra and English Chamber Choir: José Collado conducts. She also appears at London's Albert Hall on Saturday.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333). Sun, 7.30pm.

EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW: Holiday music mania takes a welcome change of pace tonight, as the popular **Cool Yule** arrives at the Queen's Hall: Craig McMurdo and his swing band weave carol favourites into a Las Vegas-meets-Hollywood style show. Tomorrow, James MacMillan's *Britannia* receives its Scottish premiere by the **Royal Scottish National Orchestra**, along with works by Dutilleux and Tchaikovsky. Donald Runnicles conducts.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031-668 2019). Tonight, 8.30pm.
Royal Concert Hall, Buchanan Street, Glasgow (041-227 5511). Sat, 7.30pm.

BATH: Practice those catcalls as Lionel Blair, Britt Ekland and Michael Elphick star as Jack, the Fairy and the evil Demon Fleshcreep in this year's panto, **Jack and the Beanstalk**.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose (0225 448844). Today and Sat, 2pm and 7pm. Until Jan 28

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
□ **Seats at all prices**

■ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'**: The Fats Waller musical show: an evening of stomping, tapping, exuberant song and dance.
Tricycle, Kilburn High Rd, NW6 (071-328 1000). Now previewing; opens Jan 9. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sats and Dec 20, 28, 29 4pm. No perf Dec 24.

□ **CALAMITY JANE**: The creative team behind last year's enjoyable *Sweet Charity* brings the Doris Day film musical to the stage. Phil Willmott directs for The Steam Industry.
BAC, Main Theatre, Lavender Hill, Battersea SW11 (071-223 2223). Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 6pm. Until Jan 21

□ **THE CHILDREN'S HOUR**: Clare Higgins and Harriet Walter as two schoolteachers accused of being lovers by a brat student. Lilian Hellman's powerful drama from 1934, directed by Howard Davies.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Mon, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm.

■ **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**: John Mortimer's adaptation, Ian Judge's direction and Clive Francis's Scrooge make this a cosy evening, well removed from the moral fervour of Dickens.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Dec 29, 7.15pm, mats Dec 17, 22 and 27

□ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE**: Nigel Hawthorne amusing as the dilapidated Lord Ogleby but his direction prettifies and diminishes the play. Some clever supporting performances.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sats and Dec 21 and 28, 2.30pm.

□ **FASCINATING AIDA**: The girls are back with an evening of glamour, quick wits and sharp tongues.
Garrick, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm. Until Jan 21.

■ **GRIMM TALES**: Tim Supple's superb staging of these really bloodthirsty fables. An amazing evening. Unforgettable.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, at different times.

□ **HAMLET**: Peter Hall directs Stephen Dillane's darkly humorous, self-defeating Prince, backed by excellent playing from Michael Pennington, Donald Sinden and Alan Dobie.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm

■ **OLIVER!**: Lavish revival of Bart's merry musical. Low on social comment, big on tunes. Jonathan Pryce as Fagin.
Palladium, Argyll St, W1 (071-494 5020). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

□ **PETER PAN - THE BRITISH MUSICAL**: Ron Moody and Nicola Stapleton in a version written, composed and directed by Piers Chater-Robinson.
Cambridge, Earlham St, WC2 (071-494 5080). Now previewing, 7.30pm; opens Dec 20, 7pm. Until Jan 21.

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN**: Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille show how youthful high spirits petrify into grim old age. Superb performances in Edward Albee's powerful drama.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

CHASING THE DEER (PG): Cardboard drama about the Jacobite rebellion. With Brian Blessed, Jake D'Arcy, Iain Cuthbertson; director, Graham Holloway.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

GEORGE BALANCHINE'S THE NUTCRACKER (U): The New York City Ballet's famous production reverently transferred to film with Macaulay Culkin as the Nutcracker Prince. Director, Emile Ardolino.
MGMs: Fulham Rd (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Rd** (071-636 6148)

◆ **THE NEVERENDING STORY III** (U): Unappealing fantasy with Jason James Richter and a menagerie of dragons, gnomes and talking rocks from Jim Henson's Creature Shop. Director, Peter Macdonald.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

ONLY THE STRONG (15): Soldier saves his old high school from drugs. Dull martial arts potboiler with Mark Dacascos. Director, Sheldon Lettich.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

◆ **THE PAGEMASTER** (U): Macaulay Culkin in cartoon form, enjoys bland adventures in the world of books. Joe Johnston, Maurice Hunt direct.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **PRINCESS CARABOO** (PG): Airy, amusing historical diversion, with Phoebe Cates as the mysterious girl believed to be a Far Eastern princess. With Jim Broadbent, Stephen Rea, Wendy Hughes. Director, Michael Austin.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **THE LION KING** (U): African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **JUNIOR** (PG): Juvenile jokes abound as Arnold Schwarzenegger gets pregnant. With Emma Thompson and Danny DeVito. Director, Ivan Reitman.
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332)

◆ **MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET** (U): John Hughes's gooey but just about digestible remake of the 1947 fantasy, with Richard Attenborough as a department store Santa.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332)

◆ **THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS** (PG): The King of Hallowe'en tries to take over Christmas. Technically brilliant puppet fantasy conceived by Tim Burton, directed by Henry Selick.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

POP ON FRIDAY: Breakdowns, breakups, but some damn fine music

LINDSAY MAGGS







One way or another, they shaped the *Zeitgeist* of 1994: (from left) the late Kurt Cobain, Manic Street Preachers and Damon Albarn from Blur

A great year? Definitely maybe

If 1994 was a year of desperate deeds in the pop world, it was also a time of high hopes and globe-trotting conquests for British bands



CAITLIN MORAN

THE trend of the last six years was broken in 1994, in that *something happened*. Nobody did *anything* in 1993 — every pop star in the world clearly spent that year pottering around the garden, maybe putting up a couple of shelves, and watching nature documentaries with a nice cup of tea. This year, they all went absolutely bonkers.

Kurt Cobain shot himself in April, triggering six other copy-cat suicides from teenagers. Not surprisingly, his death prompted what appeared to be a breakdown in his widow, Courtney Love. Evan Dando popped up at every gig in London, wearing the coat Cobain wore when he killed himself, and stumbled around, apparently rather tired and emotional. He was also stopped at Customs trying to smuggle a smashed television set in his hold-all onto the plane.

Richey Edwards from the Manic Street Preachers was admitted to hospital after, according to certain reports, a particularly nasty bout of self-mutilation went horribly wrong. David Gahan from Depeche Mode hung out with legendary rock lizards Primal Scream, with inevitable results.

This was a year of breakdowns and breakups in the pop world. Curve split up, as did the Wonder Stuff, and Bernard Butler left Suede in rather acrimonious circumstances. Everyone seems to have been out of kilter this year. One can only assume mass depression at not winning the National Lottery made a deeper emotional impact than had previously been thought.

It has been a strange year in another way: *Top of the Pops* suddenly became really cool. Previously a bastion of guaranteed Thursday night cringing, the *Pops*, almost overnight, turned into something you had to watch, preferably with 12 mates and a pizza the size of the moon spread on the floor like a big food rug. Gone were the automatons with huge teeth and zero knowledge about pop music. In their place, Jarvis from Pulp, top Scouse drag-queen Lily Savage and cute little Robbie and Mark from Take That presented the show.

And perhaps it was purely a coincidence, but the performances on *TOTP* have been frequently *Zeitgeist*-defining: Beck doing "Loser" with a bunch of barefooted hippy grandads; Suede's first appearance with their new guitarist; East 17 grouped around the piano harmonising like choirboys; Pulp performing "Do You Remember The First Time" mid-way through Wet Wet Wet's six-year reign at No 1, and, as the final bar of the song faded, opening his jacket to reveal the heartfelt inscription "I hate Wet Wet Wet".

Continuing the Bizarre Things theme, the Beatles unexpectedly became really crap, with the release earlier this month of the *Beatles Live at the BBC* album, which immediately joined "Why Don't We Do It In The Road", "Old Brown Shoe" and "Maxwell's Silver Hammer" in the immortal "Guys — Why did you do it?" list of Beatles naffosity. The recent floods in Britain were perhaps the result of John Lennon's tumultuous sobbing in heaven.

On a brighter note, this has been the best year for pop music in a long, *long time* — particularly British pop music which, until last year, was generally thought to have become extinct around the time of the withdrawal of half-pennies. Blur, Oasis, Portishead, East 17, Manic Street Preachers, Shampoo, Therapy?, Pulp and Take That have all invaded Japanese, American and European homes — and, in the case of the Manic Street Preachers, invaded *Vietnamese* homes. This ensures that, wherever you go in the world on holiday, a local will start asking you if you know Bonehead from Oasis, and whether you could supply his phone number. It also means that, in America, desperate Blur fans will try and steal your Sta-prest trousers, as they can't be bought over there.

The Glastonbury and Reading festivals were subject to the biggest miracle since the creation of the Earth in seven days: no rain. Not one drop. Just a fat yellow sun, nearly 200,000 sun-stricken kids, and the official festival umbrella vendor crying into his stock. One can only speculate that the weather was a tacit nod of approval from God at the organisers' wisdom in getting Blur to headline.

So God must have been mightily cheesed off when he read in the inkies that Blur had been pipped to the post by M People for the Mercury Music Prize, which was previously a bastion of innovative, unashamedly pop music. The decision that the prize should go to M People — in effect, to that smug aesthetic of "quality" pop, of "meaningful" dance music personified — in preference to Pulp, the Prodigy or Blur baffled most people. It also baffled the panel of judges, most of whom claimed to have voted for Pulp.

ENTERTAINMENTS

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THEATRES

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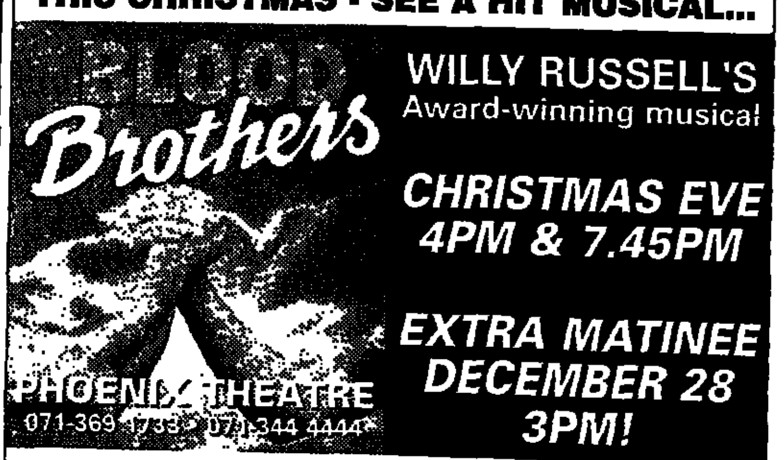
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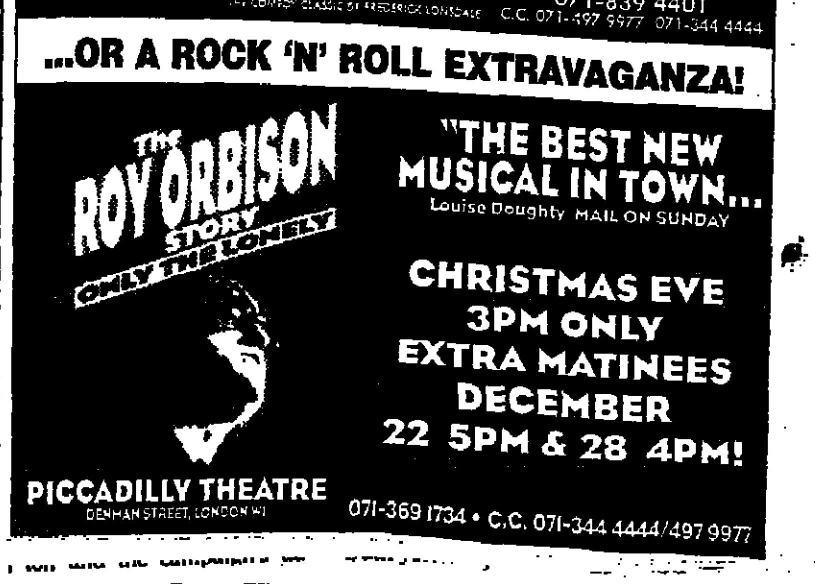
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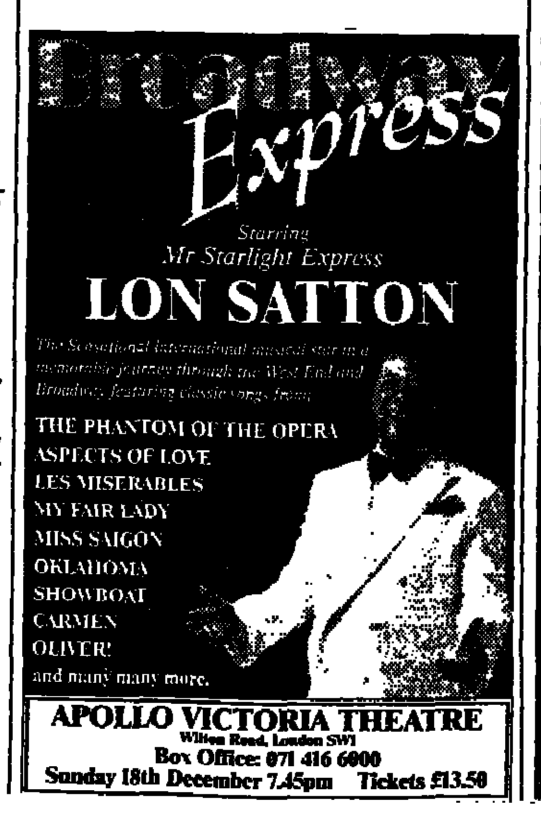


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how to have a Christmas No 1 single without really trying ... Baker cooks up a storm ... Oasis in 'new Beatles' shock

The twelve raves of Christmas

The pundits would have it that Christmas is the one unpredictable time in the pop calendar. But while the bookies stay busy taking bets on what will be the year's final No 1, **Alan Jackson** has been trawling through the history books. And, he has discovered, far from the end-of-year chart being a random affair, certain patterns emerge. Here is his guide to the 12 surefire ways of securing that late December hit



They played their drum for Him: David Bowie and Bing Crosby (here seen in a 1977 ATV Christmas Eve special) made it to No 3 with "The Little Drummer Boy"

● ODD COUPLES
Classic of the genre:
"Peace On Earth/Little Drummer Boy", Bing Crosby and David Bowie (1982).
Other examples:
"Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree", Mel (Smith) and Kim (Wilde) (1987); "True Love Ways", David Essex and Catherine Zeta-Jones (1994).
This year's hot shot:
"Passing Strangers", Joe Longthorne and Liz "Vera Duckworth" Dawn.

● THE ZEITGEIST
Classic of the genre:
"Do They Know It's Christmas?", Band Aid (1984 & 1985).
Other examples:
"All I Want For Christmas Is A Beatle", Dora Bryan (1963); "Santa Claus Is On The Dole", Spitting Image (1986).
This year's hot shot:
"No More Blue Christmas", Natalie Cole.

● QUICK, 'COS TAKE THAT AREN'T RELEASING A SICKLY BALLAD
Classic of the genre:
"Love Me For A Reason", Boyzone (1994).
Other examples:
"Stay Another Day", East 17 (1994); "One More Chance", EYC (1994);
This year's hot shot:
All of the above.

● EVEN ROCK GODS SEND CHRISTMAS CARDS
Classic of the genre:
"Santa Claus Is Coming To Town", Bruce Springsteen (1985).
Other examples:
"Step Into Christmas", Elton John (1973); "Merry Xmas Everybody", Slade (1973).
This year's hot shot:
"Please Come Home For Christmas", Bon Jovi.

● AWAY IN A MANGER
Classic of the genre:
"Little Donkey", Nina and Frederick (1960).
Other examples:
"The Singing Dogs Medley", The Singing Dogs (1955); "Baa Baa Black Sheep", The Singing Sheep (1982); "Rat Rapping", Roland Rat. Superstar (1983).
This year's hot shot:
"Crocodile Shoes", Jimmy Nail.

● LAUGH? WE THOUGHT WE'D NEVER START
Classic of the genre:
"Ernie (The Fastest Milkman In The West)", Benny Hill (1971).
Other examples:
"Lily The Pink", The Scaffold (1968); "D.I.V.O.R.C.E.", Billy Connolly (1975).
This year's hot shot:
"One Foot In The Grave", Eric Idle and Victor Meldrew.

● JOY UNBOUNDED IS NOT COMPULSORY
Classic of the genre:
"Christmas Will Be Just Another Lonely Day", Brenda Lee (1964).
Other examples:
"It's Gonna Be A Cold, Cold Christmas (Without You)", Dana 1975; "Lonely This Christmas", Mud (1974). "Blue Christmas", Elvis Presley (1964).
This year's hot shot:
"All I Want For Christmas Is You", Mariah Carey.

● HANG THE DJ!
Classic of the genre:
"The Birdie Song", The Tweets (1982).
Other examples:
"The Essential Wally Party Medley", Gay Gordon and the Mince Pies (1974); "Do The Conga", Black Lace (1984).
This year's hot shot:
"The Hokey Cokey", Captain Sensible.

● HITTING BELOW THE BELT
Classic of the genre:
"Grandad", Clive Dunn (1970).
Other examples:
"There's No One Quite Like Grandma", St Winifred's School Choir (1980); "Two Little Boys", Rolf Harris (1969); "Mother Of Mine", Neil Reid (1972).
This year's hot shot:
"Light A Candle Around The World", Val Doonican.

● TOYS ARE US?
Classic of the genre:
"Mr Blobby", Mr Blobby (1993).
Other examples:
"Wombling Merry Christmas", The Wombles (1974); "Christmas In Smurfland", Father Abraham and the Smurfs (1978); "The Muppet Show Music Hall EP", The Muppets (1977).
This year's hot shot:
"Go Go, Power Rangers", Power Rangers.

● FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE
Classic of the genre:
"Imagine", John Lennon (re-entry, 1980).
Other examples:
"My Way", Elvis Presley (1977); "The Trail Of The Lonesome Pine", Laurel and Hardy (1975); "We Have All The Time In The World", Louis Armstrong (1994).
This year's hot shot:

● FINALLY, LET'S NOT FORGET THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS
Classic of the genre:
"Dominique", The Singing Nun (1963).
Other examples:
"When A Child Is Born", Johnny Mathis (1981); "Mistletoe And Wine", Cliff Richard (1988).
This year's hot shot:
"The Gift", Daniel O'Donnell.

Jazzed up with Ginger

NEW RELEASES: Ginger Baker, the cat who lost the Cream, is back in full, syncopated swing

GINGER BAKER TRIO
Going Back Home
(Atlantic 7567-82652)
AFTER his involvement with the Bruce Baker Moore album, *Around the Next Dream*, earlier this year — a cynical attempt to replicate the glories of Cream — it makes a refreshing change to find drummer Ginger Baker following his artistic instincts to such genuinely pleasurable effect on *Going Back Home*, a collection of jazz instrumentals.

His new trio comprises upright bass player Charlie Haden (of Ornette Coleman's Quartet fame) and electric guitarist Bill Frisell, veteran of celebrated fusion outfits Naked City and Power Tools.

A gathering of heavyweight virtuosi to be sure, but Baker's Trio produce some surprisingly nimble and mellifluous results on Thelonius Monk's "Straight No Chaser" and Frisell's gorgeous, Hawaiian-style opener "Rambler". The temperature rises, however, during Haden's "In The Moment", a racing-tempo tune, peppered with fractured guitar and bass motifs and a brief, thunderous drum sortie.

In the album's only lapse of taste, Baker recites some pretty useless doggerel over the sinister power chords and tom-tom tattoo of "East Timor". But, apart from this one minor blemish, *Going Back Home* is a richly enjoyable set marked by a welcome sense of grace and proportion.

BIG AUDIO
Higher Power
(Columbia 477239)
"BIG Audio Dynamite plus BAD II equals Big Audio" explains a sticker, rather illogically, on the cover of *Higher Power*. Unfortunately, it is not only in name that this third incarnation of Mick Jones's rock'n'beatbox collective lacks dynamite.

Comprising 13 tracks, needlessly stretched out to more than 67 minutes, this is an affectionate but aimless collection of ditties employing all the usual sampled gubbins: bits of speech from films and soap operas, alarm clocks and personal bleepers going off, the odd machine-gun burst of bears, extra-terrestrial radio talk and the rest.

But where BAD's habit of integrating these "found" sounds into their music once seemed innovative and exciting, it now sounds at best quaint, at worst passé. And if Jones's voice gets any thinner or his tunes less substantial, they are likely to be blown away in a draught. "It ain't as easy as it looks/Coming up with all those hooks." Jones pleads on "Looking For A Song". Well, it certainly takes a bit more effort than this.

JIMMY NAIL
Crocodile Shoes
(east west 4509-98556)
THE adage about not taking actors seriously when they try to be pop singers does not apply to Jimmy Nail, who enjoyed his first Top Three hit back in 1985 and logged a No 1 with "Ain't No Doubt" only a couple of years ago. How seriously you can take a man who looks like a corkscrew is, of course, another question.

Although the title track of *Crocodile Shoes* has a certain melancholy charm, the rest of the album is dreary in the extreme. Three of the songs are written by Paddy McAloon of Prefab Sprout in that elegantly soporific style of his, while the rest are mostly composed by Nail himself.

These range from the throaty, pseudo-country ballad "Only One Heart" to big, soft rock songs such as "Angel" and "Don't Wanna Go Home", which sound like rejects from a Fleetwood Mac album. That exciting.

THE LOVED ONES
Better Do Right
(Hightone Records HCD 8057)
HERE'S an odd one. The Loved Ones are a "frighteningly young" Californian band with a fixation on that period of English rock'n'roll in the early 1960s when bands such as the Yardbirds and the Rolling Stones were earnestly trying to re-create the sound of classic American rhythm and blues.

Boasting a tinny, revving guitar sound, overlaid with hyperactive maracas, "Wishy Washy Woman" and the fade of "Xan's Night Out" would not sound out of place on *Five Live Yardbirds*, while "What Is Love?" and "Bad Dream" resurrect the sort of chord sequences first explored on songs such as Don Covay's "Mercy Mercy" and the Coasters' "Love Potion No 9".

It's all hand-me-down stuff but knocked out with much the same zeal that made it such fun the first time.

DAVID SINCLAIR

CONCERT

Hard daze knights

Oasis
Hammersmith Palais

EVEN in a business that regularly perpetuates the myth of "overnight" stardom, the rise of Oasis has been astonishingly sure and swift, *David Sinclair writes*. Having opened their account with a debut single only last April, the Mancunian five-piece have since racked up a string of hits, a No 1 album and become the rock'n'roll sensation of the year.

Their apparently effortless progress is due to a rare combination of talent and timing, but like so much about the band, their appeal as a live act defies rational analysis. Lined up on stage at the Palais are singer Liam Gallagher, his brother Noel, who plays guitar and writes all the songs, and three stooges on guitar, bass and drums. All are essentially static performers. The lighting is functional and minimal.

Attention focuses exclusively on the Gallaghers, as they nonchalantly pile into "Rock'n'Roll Star", a raucous knockabout that recalled the salad days of Mott the Hoople.

Standing stockstill at the microphone, his hands clasped behind his back and his jaw thrust out about a foot in front of the rest of him, Liam exudes an air of Cro-Magnon indifference as he performs unspeakable indignities on the vowel sounds of his brother's lyrics. "I come from the citeee-ay/I need some time in the sunshee-aye-en ..." The furthest extent of his stagecraft seems to entail lounging on the drum riser with a towel round his head while Noel plays the solo of "Live Forever".

But there is an indefinable magic to what they do, a charisma born of sheer arrogance, which makes them more watchable than any number of conventionally energetic performers. Certainly, the less apparent effort the band makes, so the scenes in the audience become ever more frenzied.

And there is a zest in their music which is irresistible, a restless, uplifting quality that stamps deceptively simple songs such as "Slide Away", "Cigarettes & Alcohol" and "Supersonic" with the mark of pop greatness.

The ghost of the Beatles, never far from their music, hovers close by as the band are joined by an eight-piece string section for a grand finale of "Whatever" and the Lennon/McCartney song "I Am The Walrus". They slouch off amid the ensuing pandemonium. There is no encore.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Carry On Up The Charts	Beautiful South (Go! Discs)
2	Live At The BBC	Beatles (Apple)
3	Steam	East 17 (London)
4	Cross Roads — The Best Of	Bon Jovi (Jambco)
5	Crocodile Shoes	Jimmy Nail (east west)
6	Second Coming	Stone Roses (Geffen)
7	Always & Forever	Eternal (EMI)
8	Fields Of Gold — Best Of	Sting (A&M)
9	The Best Of	New Order (London)
10	The Hit List	Cliff Richard (EMI)

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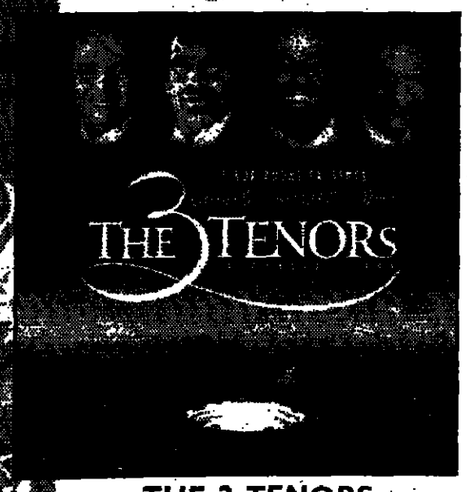
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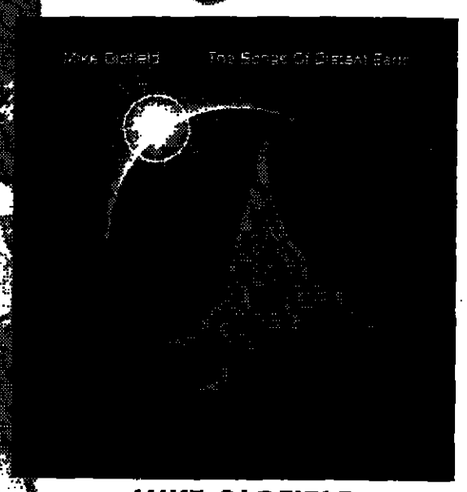


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Clubs agree to cash injection for national stadium

PLANS for an 80,000-seat national stadium moved a step nearer yesterday. Clubs of the FA Carling Premiership meeting in London gave the go-ahead for formal applications for cash aid towards the project from the Millenium Commission.

The Premier League is willing to inject up to £60 million but no decision has yet been made between Manchester, Birmingham or Wembley as the favoured site. Local council contributions could help the provincial causes, while an almost totally reconstructed Wembley stadium may provide a London option.

Mike Lee, a League spokesman, said: "The clubs are very committed to this project. They are talking money, and lottery cash is part of the equation." The Football Association's deal for England to use Wembley expires in 2002 and there is a real prospect that the national side may move out of London in the next century. Accounts approved at the meeting showed a Premier League turnover for the year 1993-94 of £54.24 million, up from £45.66million.

The clubs also approved plans for rule changes to include the introduction of a managers' code of conduct and another to prevent the poaching of youth players. The new measures are expected to be in place for the start of next season.

Paul Goddard, presently caretaker manager, could be confirmed as manager of Ipswich Town before the Christmas break. Goddard will be among candidates for one of football's safest jobs to be interviewed next week. Other contenders are believed to include Mick Mills, Russell Osman and Terry Butcher — all former Ipswich players.

Victory over Wimbledon at Portman Road tonight would boost the chances of Goddard, a former West Ham and England forward. He already has a powerful ally in John Wark, the club's player-coach. "I think they should give Paul the job, at least until the end of the season," Wark said.

Aston Villa have rejected an approach from Tranmere for Paul McGrath, their Republic of Ireland international.

Bulgars expose technical gulf evident on both sides of Severn Bridge

Welsh woes highlight much wider concerns

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

HOW convenient it would be to dust off the wretchedness of Welsh football, exposed by Bulgaria in the Arms Park on Wednesday, as an embarrassment beyond Offa's Dyke. Convenient, but wrong. For nine of the 11 who represented Wales are players in the FA Carling Premiership, and some of them celebrated performers at that.

So, whether we like it or not, the deficiencies involve us all. They were not only a matter of movement, passing and invention, not only a discomfort on the ball that suggested the Welsh might have been better off with an oval shape. More alarming still was the physical superiority displayed by the world-class Bulgarians — Hristo Stoichkov ran past David Phillips like a gazelle being tracked by a rhino; Emil Kostadinov did much the same to Mark Aizlewood.

But it did not happen at the other end. There was no Wales forward with such pace or alertness and, even if there had been, Trifon Ivanov, the scorer of an extraordinary volleyed goal, proved too quick on the ground for Dean Saunders, too smart in the air for Vinnie Jones. Inevitably, and alas, we come to that converted Englishman. The Welsh who know their football left the stadium singularly unimpressed by the hired hitman from London.

It was not just that he dared to wear the shirt once worn with such pride by the likes of Ivor Allchurch, by the real Jones boys from Swansea, by the gentle giant John Charles. More disconcerting to Welsh folk was that this Wimbledon scuffler actually attempted to become the spokesman for their non-football. "That first goal were an easy goal," he began endearingly over the Welsh TV broadcast. "The geezer ain't gonna score if you get the block in. We gotta get more steel in — I've had harder games in the Premier."

The boy, in the land of his grandfather, represented the lyricism of the Welsh tongue about as closely as he grasped the flow of international football. And it seemed even more perverse that it happened on the same day that the genuine heroes of Welsh sporting history, the likes of Phil Bennett and Barry John, were gathered in Penarth to honour Howard Winstone, MBE.

They were there at the launch of a biography, *The Welsh Wizard*, testifying that Winstone, now 55, was the best of sports in the worst of trades. When Winstone was world featherweight boxing champion, he could go 15 rounds of the utmost brutality and come out of it tender as a father and a friend. But there was class about the performer, a featherweight only in size and now a man for whom his biographer would like to make some money, since he fought before the days of million-pound purses.

But reminiscence does not help the cause of football in the valleys. Nor, though the cry is loud enough, would the removal of the present manager, Mike Smith. He, the coach and guide to many of the future generations of Welsh association football players, had the intelligence to say after Wednesday: "It is not a matter of systems. The young players are coming through, but while we wait we must try to improve as we go along. What you saw tonight, what we also had in Georgia, was that the opposition had eight players who could all pass the ball or come forward with it.

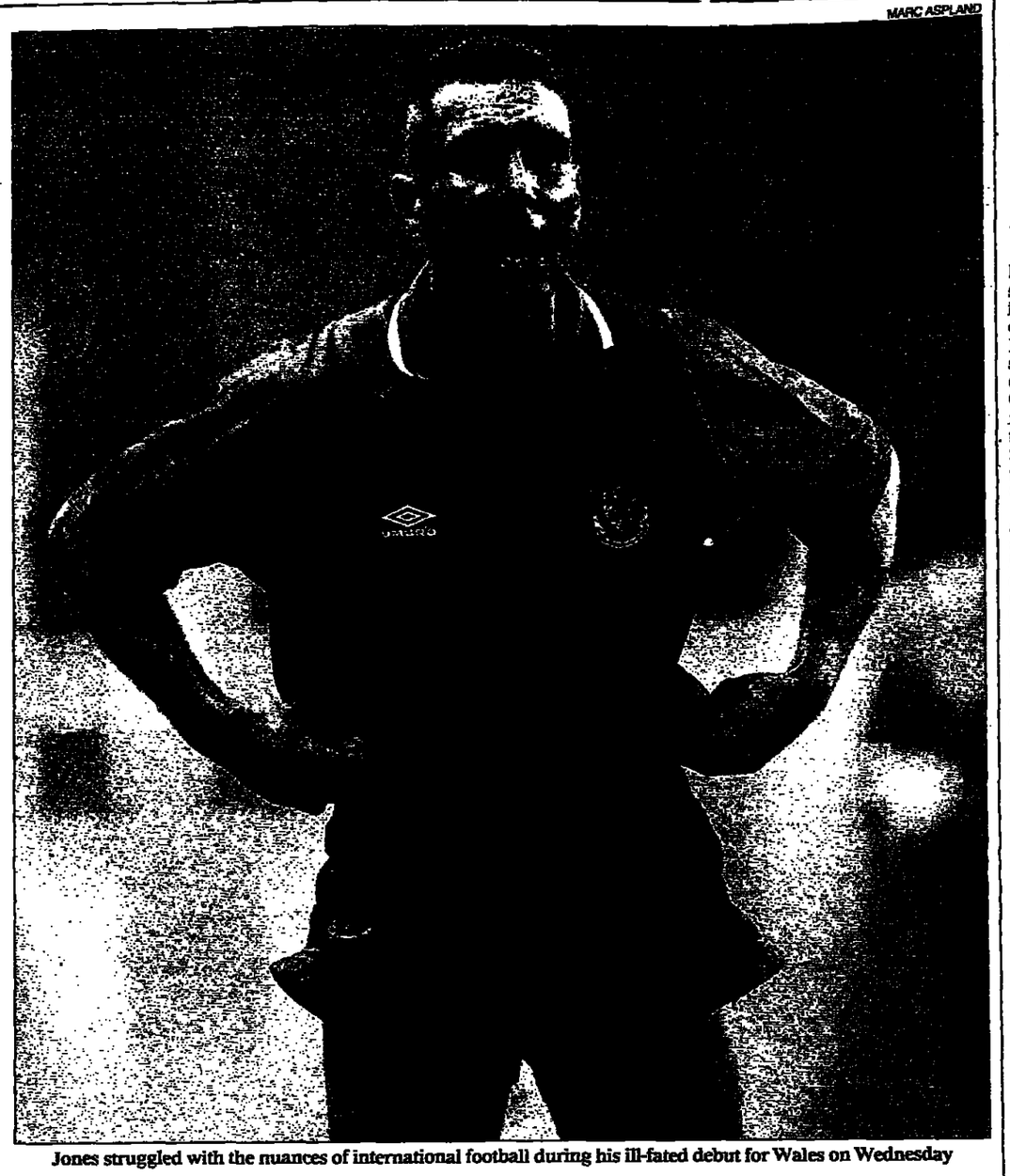
"Manchester United had some problems with it in Barcelona. In our football we tend to squeeze up, to battle it out, and sometimes it is simply not enough."

Precisely. Though Smith never used the words "technical gulf", this was what the Bulgars so emphatically demonstrated. Perhaps in doing so they questioned the feasibility of the British Isles attempting to cling to the notion that we can produce five separate teams in the world arena.

It is utter rubbish. We surely know by now that our schooling has become corrupted by the Charles Hughes theory of playing the game by numbers, of humping the ball forward. We should also acknowledge that the skills which came naturally to boys playing under lamplight in the streets will not be rediscovered until, on both sides of the Severn Bridge, we get back to protecting our playing fields and encouraging children to explore ball control with imagination and freedom.

Finally, returning from a rugby citadel in which too many of the British players resorted to physical abuse that would not be allowed under even that code, one wonders if the Welsh have made another crucial error of their own? The Arms Park, a third full, does not give the same intimidatory atmosphere, the passion or togetherness, of a packed crowd in Wrexham.

Our stadiums have had to be reshaped towards the 21st century; it will be a crying shame if we no longer have the players to fill them.


MARC ASPLAND

Jones struggled with the nuances of international football during his ill-fated debut for Wales on Wednesday

GROUP SEVEN

RESULTS: Georgia 0 Moldavia 1, Wales 2 Albania 0, Moldavia 3 Wales 2, Bulgaria 2 Georgia 0, Albania 1 Germany 2, Georgia 5 Wales 0, Bulgaria 4 Moldavia 1, Albania 0 Georgia 1, Moldavia 0 Germany 3, Wales 0 Bulgaria 3.

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Germany	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Georgia	4	2	0	2	6	3	6
Moldavia	4	2	0	2	5	9	6
Wales	4	1	0	3	4	11	3
Albania	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

FIXTURES: 1994: Dec 18: Germany v Albania. 1995: Mar 29: Georgia v Germany, Bulgaria v Wales, Albania v Moldavia. Apr 26: Germany v Wales, Moldavia v Bulgaria, Georgia v Albania. Jun 7: Bulgaria v Germany, Wales v Georgia, Moldavia v Albania. Sept 6: Germany v Georgia, Wales v Moldavia, Albania v Bulgaria. Oct 7: Bulgaria v Albania. Oct 8: Germany v Moldavia. Oct 11: Wales v Germany. Nov 15: Germany v Bulgaria, Albania v Wales, Moldavia v Georgia.

New home will fuel Hednesford Conference challenge

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL
BY WALTER GAMMIE

HEDNESFORD Town have struck such a rich seam of form that they stand 11 points clear at the head of the Beazer Homes League premier division, unbeaten after 18 matches. Dreams of Vauxhall Conference football, however, rest on the development of a field 300 yards up the road from their Cross Keys ground, where the builders move in on January 2.

Richard Murning, the club secretary, said: "It was impossible to develop Cross Keys. It's 110 years old and beginning to show its age. We didn't own it. It was British Coal Board land that they have now sold for development. We will own our new ground and it will be built to Conference standards."

The new ground, which will cost £1 million, was the brainchild of Mick Smith, the club chairman, and John Baldwin, the vice-chairman. The discovery of methane on the site, also formerly Coal Board land, held up the project but Baldwin, a 40-year-old accountant from Walsall, is now free to concentrate on his other role at the club, team manager. Not that management is proving too difficult.

"We're flying at the moment," Baldwin, in his sixth season in charge, said. "It's amazing what a bit of confidence has done for us. The best thing is that we're playing some very good football. The supporters seem to like it. Attendances have doubled to 800 in our past two matches."

No player has contributed more to Hednesford's fine run than Joe O'Connor, Baldwin's first money signing for the club, who has scored 21 league goals and 26 in all this season. "He turned up early for pre-season, worked very hard on his fitness and is now doing things and trying things that he wouldn't have done last season," Baldwin said. "He's very quick and when he gets behind defenders they've got no chance of catching them."

O'Connor will tomorrow be turning his attention to Gloucester City, another ambitious side lying fourth in the table with games in hand.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership
Ipswich v Wimbledon (7.45) .....

Endsleigh Insurance League
Second division
Bournemouth v Wrexham (7.45) .....
Cambridge Utd v Wycombe (7.45) .....
Crewe v York .....
Shrewsbury v Rotherham .....
Third division
Doncaster v Colchester .....
Northampton v Scunthorpe .....
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Dulwich v Carshalton.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Holywell v Mold.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Athlone v Bohemians (8.15); St Patrick's Ath v Monaghan (7.45).
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Peacehaven and Telscombe v Slamco.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Thames Valley v Hemel Hempstead (8.0).
EQUESTRIANISM: Olympia Championships (Olympia).
SWIMMING: Scottish short-course championships (Ayr).

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Lech	20	60	fair	varied	closed	sun	-3	14/12
Obergurgl	5	30	fair	varied	closed	sun	-10	14/12
St Anton	5	70	good	powder	closed	sun	-9	14/12
CANADA								
Lake Louise	70	100	good	varied	good	snow	-6	15/12
(All 11 lifts open, excellent skiing in all areas)								
FRANCE								
Alpe D'huez	0	90	fair	varied	closed	fair	-2	18/11
(Reasonable piste skiing down to 2700m)								
Courchevel	0	80	fair	varied	closed	sun	-4	9/12
(Colder temperatures though no new snow, 4 lifts open)								
La Plagne	10	150	fair	varied	closed	fair	-4	9/12
Tignes	25	95	good	crusty	worn	fine	-2	10/12
(Great skiing on glacier, lower slopes patchy)								
Val Thorens	10	50	fair	varied	art	fair	-3	9/12
ITALY								
Cervinia	0	100	good	varied	closed	fair	-2	9/12
SWITZERLAND								
C Montana	0	30	fair	varied	closed	fair	0	9/12
Verbier	10	80	good	varied	closed	fine	-2	9/12
(Good skiing possible down to ruineties)								
Zermatt	5	95	good	varied	closed	fine	0	9/12
(Good skiing on well groomed pistes above 2000m)								
UNITED STATES								
Mammoth	210	250	powder	powder	good	fine	-7	14/12
(Abundant fresh powder to enjoy, ideal conditions)								
Winter Park	95	100	good	powder	good	fine	-11	14/12
(Lovely piste skiing on fresh powder, 15/20 lifts open)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

HONGI

(a) The Maori custom of pressing noses together as a form of salutation. "We left him to indulge his natural feeling in hongi — a process which occupied much time."

BEATENEST

(b) Most excellent, splendid or unusual. 1860 *Harper's Mag.* 135: "A countryman attracted by the white slab exclaimed, 'Well if that ain't the beatenest town I ever saw!'"

FLAXY

(a) A worker in a flax-mill. "In the corner of the field, the flaxies would gather to eat their lunch and to gossip in increasingly loud voices."

COHO

(b) A species of salmon found in the northern Pacific waters; known as the silver salmon. 1859, *British Colonist* July 29th: "Lastly, there is the genus known by the Indian name of coocouse a hybrid bastard sort of fish, half trout, half salmon."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... b5 allows White to untangle with 2 Nf7. Alekhine preferred 1 ... Kh7! and if now 2 Nf7 then 2 ... Rxg5 3 Nxg5+ Kg6 and the knight is lost.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICES

NO 005534 of 1994 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF CASPIAN RESOURCES LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
We, David Lewellyn Morgan and Nicholas Roger Lyle of Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS, give notice that on 24 November 1994 we were appointed joint liquidators of Caspian Resources Limited by the Secretary of State.
Notice is also hereby given that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before 28 February 1995 to send, in writing, their names and addresses and the particulars of the debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to David Morgan of Touche Ross & Co, PO Box 810, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS, the joint liquidator of the said company, and, if so required, by notice in writing from the said joint liquidator, or by their solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED: This 12th day of December 1994
D L MORGAN
Joint Liquidator

HARRIS SIMONS CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the post-administration creditors of the above-named company, are required, on or before the 1st January 1995, to send in their full names and addresses, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to S A Jackson of Begbie Nerton & Partners, Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London WC1V 6HZ. Any claim not received by the specified date will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 6th day of December 1994.
S A Jackson
COURT APPOINTED RECEIVER
* Post-administration refers to any claims after the 6/12/94

No 007515 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF BRUNTCLIFFE AGGREGATES PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition was on the 23rd day of November 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the cancellation of the nominal share capital of the above-named Company from £7,830,000 to £7,800,000.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 11th day of January 1995.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the proposed reduction of share capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 16th day of December 1994.
MESHCON DE REYA
21 Southampton Row
London
WC1B 5HS
Solicitors for the above-named Company.
Ref: 19/PSB/AD/1255-2.

No. 645 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF HEADLAM GROUP plc
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Birmingham dated 21st November 1994 confirming the cancellation of the share premium account of the above named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 30th November 1994.
Dated this 16th day of December 1994
Eversheds Wells & Hind
10 Newhall Street
Birmingham
B3 3LX
Solicitors for the above named Company
Ref: DCL/105
Tel: 021 233 2001

NO 005536 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE NEW SCHEHALLION PETROLEUM CO LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
We, David Lewellyn Morgan and Nicholas Roger Lyle of Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London, EC4A 3AS, give notice that on 24 November 1994 we were appointed Joint Liquidators of The New Schehallion Petroleum Co Limited by the Secretary of State.
Notice is also hereby given that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before 28 February 1995 to send, in writing, their names and addresses and the particulars of the debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to David Morgan of Touche Ross & Co, PO Box 810, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS, the Joint Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required, by notice in writing from the said joint liquidator, or by their solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED: This 12th day of December 1994
D L Morgan
Joint Liquidator

NO 005827 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ULRAL CASPIAN OIL CORPORATION LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
We, David Lewellyn Morgan and Nicholas Roger Lyle of Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS, give notice that on 24 November 1994 we were appointed joint liquidators of The Ural Caspian Oil Corporation Limited by the Secretary of State.
Notice is also hereby given that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before 28 February 1995 to send, in writing, their names and addresses and the particulars of the debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to David Morgan of Touche Ross & Co, PO Box 810, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS, the joint liquidator of the said company, and, if so required, by notice in writing from the said joint liquidator, or by their solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED: This 12th day of December 1994
D L Morgan
Joint Liquidator

NO 005535 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE GROZNY-GUNDJA OIL FIELDS LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
We, David Lewellyn Morgan and Nicholas Roger Lyle of Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS, give notice that on 24 November 1994 we were appointed Joint liquidators of The Grozny-Gundja Oil Fields Limited by the Secretary of State.
Notice is also hereby given that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before 28 February 1995 to send, in writing, their names and addresses and the particulars of the debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to David Morgan of Touche Ross & Co, PO Box 810, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS, the joint liquidator of the said company, and, if so required, by notice in writing from the said joint liquidator, or by their solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED: This 12th day of December 1994
D L Morgan
Joint Liquidator

SOUNDSPOT PRODUCTIONS LIMITED, KTDA LIMITED & MEGAHEAT PUBLISHING LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named companies will be held at Clarevilla House, 26-27 Clarendon Street, Leamington, SW1V 4EP on 22-12-94 at 2.15pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proxy together with a full statement of account at the registered office, address as above not later than noon on 20/12/94. For the purpose of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at Clarevilla House, 26/27 Clarendon Street, London, SW1V 4EP before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed. Shallice Silverford Rymans & Nicholas Hugh Cr Rolfe of Battersea Road & Co, Clarevilla House, 26/27 Clarendon Street, London, SW1V 4EP are persons qualified to act as Insolvency Practitioners and in relation to the companies and may furnish creditors free of charge with such information as to the company's affairs as they may reasonably require until 20/12/94. S VINCENT, Director.

7277 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
THE HONOURABLE MR REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
IN THE MATTER OF SPECTRUM ENERGY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 7th December 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £14,000,000 to £140,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 9th December 1994.
DATED this 14th day of December 1994
MacKinnons
10 Norwich Street
London EC4A 1BD
(Ref: AZL/535578)
Solicitors for the above-named Company

ROSE, THOMSON, YOUNG (UNDERWRITING) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at 3/4 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4PB on 21 December 1994 at 15.00 hours for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Mrs J.B. Shepherdmill of Neville Russell, 246 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4PB, is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company and will furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.
Dated: 8 December 1994
By Order of the Board
A.J.W.P. Wallace
Director

SEABOARD PIONEER TERMINALS LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
COMPANY NUMBER: 924186
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidator of the above company intends to make a distribution to the creditors. Creditors are required to forward full details of their claims and their names and addresses to the Liquidator, Roger Bassin, KPMG Peat Marwick, PO Box 730, 252 Romney Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 20 January 1995 which is the last day for proving claims. Notice is also given that the Liquidator proposes to make final distributions and that such distribution will be made without regard to any claims not made by the date named.
Note: the company is able to pay all it's known creditors in full.
Dated: 9 December 1994
R Bassin - Liquidator

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF:
JOHN COLE MECHANICAL SERVICES LIMITED;
COMPANY NO: 1430910
CASTRIDGE (1988) LIMITED;
REFRIGERATION LIMITED;
COMPANY NO: 1221060
F.G. SALISBURY LIMITED;
COMPANY NO: 524487
WEATHERMAKER EQUIPMENT AND DUCTWORK ENGINEERING SYSTEMS LIMITED;
COMPANY NO: 321625
BRYANT AIR CONDITIONING COMPANY LIMITED;
COMPANY NO: 2019094
Following a reorganisation, the assets and businesses of the above named companies were transferred to Carrier Hedeman Limited. Consequently, the above named companies have become dormant. As an integral part of the reorganisation, the above named companies were put into solvent liquidation by the members of the companies on 30 November 1994. All of the creditors with valid claims either have been, or will be, paid in full. Notice is that follow below are purely formal and are required pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 applicable to the United Kingdom giving creditors notice of the Liquidator's appointment and those creditors should take to register any claim they may have against the above named companies.
On 30 November 1994 the above named companies were placed in members voluntary liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London, SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the members.
The liquidator gives notice (pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986) that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, or any claim against the companies to the liquidator at the above address by 29 January 1995. The liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A (6) that he intends on making a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 29 January 1995 shortly after that date and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The companies are able to pay all known creditors in full.
Anthony Victor Lomas
Liquidator

Corporations Law Sub-regulation 5.6.49(3)
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DIRECTIONS
DALLHOLD ESTATES (UK) PTY LTD.
(PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR APPOINTED)
(IN ADMINISTRATION)
Creditors of the abovementioned company are hereby given notice that Heath Charles Thomas, the Provisional Liquidator of the company, will make application to the Federal Court of Australia, Law Courts Building, Queens Square, Sydney, in the state of New South Wales at 10.15 am on 20th December, 1994 for directions that he is justified in entering into and causing the company to enter into:
(a) a compromise with the listed Facility and the listed Securities Parties on the terms set forth in a Deed of Compromise and Release between the listed Facility and the Dallhold Investments Group; and
(b) a compromise with Alan Bond on the terms set forth in a Deed of Release between Alan Bond and the Dallhold Investments Group.
Any creditors of the abovementioned company who wish to be heard by the Court in relation to the application should attend the Federal Court of Australia at the abovementioned time and place.
Creditors may obtain further information by contacting the Solicitors for the Provisional Liquidator, Messrs Phillips Fox, 35 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 200 (Attention: Mr. Phillip Stern) Telephone (02) 296-6340.
M.C. Thomas
Provisional Liquidator
Walker Wayland
GPO Box 4836
Sydney 2001.

NOTICE OF 998 MEETING of CREDITORS
DRAGON CEMENT LIMITED
Principal Trading Address: Harbour Reception, Docks Road, Lampeter Docks, Glamorganshire CL13 9UA
Company Number: 1917794
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street on 20 December 1994 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Touche Ross & Co of PO Box 810, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS during the two business days preceding the above meeting.
Dated: 8 December 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Ph. Van't Hoff
Director

MATRIX CHURCHILL PENSION SCHEME
PART-TIME EMPLOYEES
The Law Debenture Trust Corporation plc, as Independent Trustee, gives notice that the above Scheme is to be wound up. Employees of Matrix Churchill Limited, Newcast Foundries Limited or Machine Tool Agencies Limited who were employed on a part-time basis and who were not allowed under the Rules of the Matrix Churchill Pension scheme to join the Scheme should write to the address shown below no later than 17th February 1995. After that date, the Scheme's assets will be distributed in meeting valid claims and securing benefits for persons known to the Trustees to have entitlements under the Scheme. The Trustees will have no liability to any person claiming an entitlement after that date which was not evident from their records.
William M Mercer Limited
Metropolitan House
Northgate
Chichester
West Sussex
PO19 1BE

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF A1 FOOD HALLS LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
On 27 July 1994 the Croydon County Court made a winding up order of the company and on 25 October 1994 the Secretary of State appointed Peter Norman Sarrit and Eleanor Mohan Ghosh of Price Waterhouse, Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1HB as its liquidators.
Creditors of the company are requested to send details, in writing, of their claims against the company to the liquidators at the above address. The claims must be made on a form 4.25.
A meeting of the creditors of A1 Food Halls Limited will be held at Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, on Friday 13 January 1995 at 10.30am under the provisions of Section 141 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the appointment of a liquidation committee to represent the creditors. If at their meeting the creditors do not appoint a liquidation committee, the liquidators will ask the meeting to agree the basis of their remuneration.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge with the liquidator a form of proxy on a form 8.4, unless they are individuals attending the meeting personally, or are companies authorising representative under the provisions of section 245 of the Companies Act 1985.
All creditors who wish to vote at the meeting, whether in person, by proxy, or in some other way, must lodge details with the liquidators, proof of debt on form 4.25. Proxies and, where they have not already been submitted, proofs should be lodged with the liquidators at the address above before Tuesday 10 January 1995.
PN Sarrit
Joint Liquidator
Dated 14 December 1994

No 005533 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE NORTH CAUCASIAN OIL FIELDS LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
We, David Lewellyn Morgan and Nicholas Roger Lyle of Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS, give notice that on 24 November 1994 we were appointed Joint liquidators of North Caucasian Oil Fields Limited by the Secretary of State.
Notice is also given that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before 28 February 1995 to send, in writing, their names and addresses and the particulars of the debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to David Morgan of Touche Ross & Co, PO Box 810, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London EC4A 3AS, the joint liquidator of the said company, and, if so required, by notice in writing from the said joint liquidator, or by their solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED: This 12th day of December 1994
D L Morgan
Joint Liquidator

COMPANY NOTICES

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED
At a meeting of the Board of Directors held today, the following dividends were declared:
ORDINARY SHARES
A final quarterly dividend of eight cents (8c) Canadian per share on the outstanding Ordinary Shares in respect of the year 1994, payable on January 30, 1995, to holders of record at the close of business on December 23, 1993.
PREFERENCE SHARES
A final semi-annual dividend of $0.02 per Canadian Dollar Preference Share and $0.01 per Sterling Preference Share on the outstanding Preference Shares in respect of the year 1994, payable on January 30, 1995, to holders of record at the close of business on December 23, 1994.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,
C.J. DEGAN
VICE-PRESIDENT
AND SECRETARY
MONTREAL, DECEMBER 12, 1994

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below are required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified, after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
MARCIA ANASTASIA LADY SEAVERBROOK
PURSUANT to the Trustee Act, 1925, section 27.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that all persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of MARCIA ANASTASIA LADY SEAVERBROOK late of St Andrews in the Province of New Brunswick, Canada who died on the 28th day of October 1994, are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims or interests to us, the undersigned, as Solicitors to the Executors DR. THOMAS ALEXANDER WADE TAYLOR and MICHAEL DOYLE before the 17th day of February 1995, And Notice is Hereby Given, that at the expiration of that time the Executors DR. THOMAS ALEXANDER WADE TAYLOR and MICHAEL DOYLE will proceed to distribute the Estate of the said Testator among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and interests of which they shall then have had notice, and that DR. THOMAS ALEXANDER WADE TAYLOR and MICHAEL DOYLE will not as respects the property so distributed, be liable to any person or persons of whose claim they shall not then have had notice.
Dated this 16 day of December 1994
JAQUES & LEWIS
SENATOR HOUSE
85 QUEEN VICTORIA STREET
LONDON
EC4V 4JL
Ref: NDM
Solicitors to the Executors

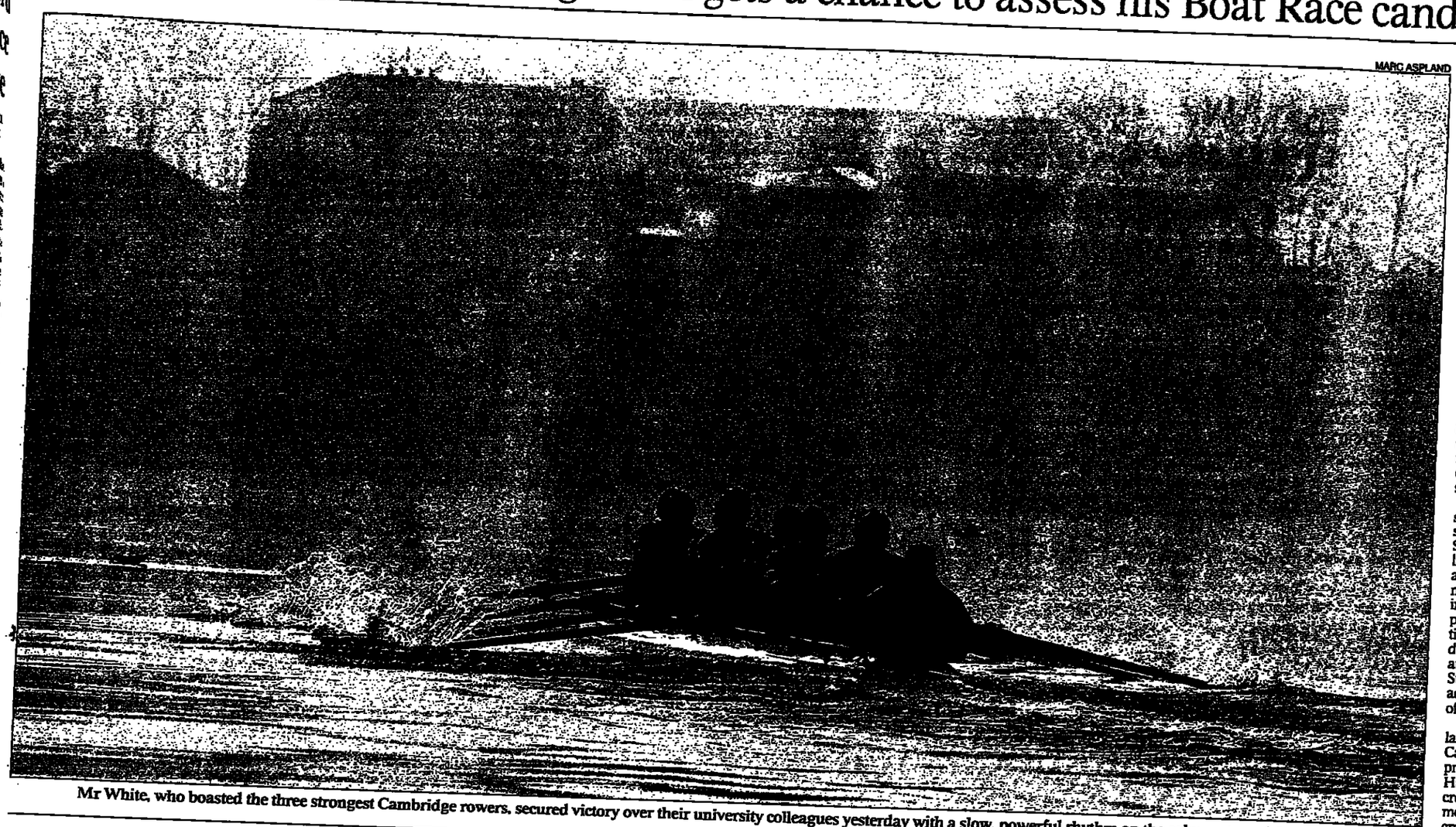
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New home will fuel Hednesford Conference challenge

New Cambridge rowing coach gets a chance to assess his Boat Race candidates



MARC ASPLAND

Mr White, who boasted the three strongest Cambridge rowers, secured victory over their university colleagues yesterday with a slow, powerful rhythm on the calm waters of the Thames

Mr White colours Williams's opinion

BY MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

EVERYONE loves a winner, and a flotilla of 16 boats carrying media and supporters at the Cambridge Trial Eights yesterday attested to the success of the Light Blues. Robin Williams, the new Cambridge coach, was unmoved, scrutinising the individuals in Mr White and Mr Blonde, the crews, named for gangsters in the film *Reservoir Dogs*, as they covered the Boat Race course on calm water and a slow tide.

Informed onlookers were surprised to find the three strongest Cambridge men, Scott Brownley, of New Zealand, Marco Banovic, of Croatia, and the British international, Richard Phelps, all in the Mr White crew. Their power, coupled with an exceptionally long rhythm produced by Peter Mallin-Jones at stroke, gave Mr White, on Surrey, a three-quarter-length advantage at the Mile in spite of a lower rate of striking.

The cox, Russell Slatford, a last-minute demotion from the Cambridge crew last spring, produced good steering past Harrods and his Mr White crew had clear water at Hammersmith and the luxury of crossing in front of Mr Blonde along Chiswick Eyot.

With Mr White down to a rate as low as 30 in places and with Mr Blonde losing heart and some rhythm after the Crossing, nine seconds separated the crews at Barnes Bridge. Mark Davies, Mr Blonde's steersman, cut the last corner out of the slack tide and ten seconds was the margin at the finish, reached in 18min 51sec.

"The losing crew had a more even balance of power," Williams said. "The stroke and seven in Mr White are relatively inexperienced but they really rose to the occasion."

MR WHITE: Bow, J Ball (King's, Chester and Robinson); 2, R Waller (Emanuel School and Downing); 3, H Clarke (Taunton and Trinity Hall); 4, S Brownley (St Bedes College, Christchurch, University of Canterbury, New Zealand and St Edmund's); 5, M Banovic (School of Applied Arts, Zagreb, Croatia, Northeastern University, Boston, US, and St Edmund's); 6, * R Phelps (Latymer Upper and St Edmunds); 7, R Semple (Jordanhill, Glasgow and Clare)/ P Mallin-Jones (Grange GS and St John's). Cox, R Slatford (KCS, Wimbledon, Durham University and Hughes Hall)

MR BLONDE: Bow, * R Taylor (Shrewsbury and Trinity Hall); 2, M Burrough (Eton and Downing); 3, S Dawson-Bowling (King's, Canterbury and Magdalene); 4, J Elliott (Winchester and Trinity); 5, S Newton (Radley and Emmanuel); 6, * M Parish (Eton, University of London and St Edmund's); 7, * D Bangert (Deutschhaus Gymnasiam, Wurzburg, University of Wurzburg and Fitzwilliam)/ M Barnet (Harrogate GS and Queens'). Cox, M Davies (Eton and Christ's).

* denotes a Blue

Vicente Modahl certain to encounter new barriers

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

NOW that Diane Modahl has been found guilty by the British Athletic Federation (BAF) of taking drugs, it remains to be seen how much fall-out will spread over the business interests of her husband, Vicente. The silver-tongued Norwegian has, during his two years in Britain, built up one of the most successful management agencies in athletics, but the former steeplechaser is certain to find barriers put in his way by those who associate him with his wife.

Always well-groomed, the 34-year-old polyglot represents not only some of Britain's leading athletes, but also several outstanding Portuguese runners, Americans and Norwegians. Modahl was responsible, too, for the most innovative British athletics promotion of 1994, the indoor musical high jump meeting in Liverpool.

There is no question of the BAF looking into Modahl's activities immediately; ultimately, though, should the Modahls fail to reverse the decision by a BAF disciplinary hearing on Wednesday, through appeal, arbitration or legal channels, his ability to operate in Britain could be undermined.

John Bicourt, a fellow BAF accredited agent, said yesterday that he thought Modahl might find it difficult to deal with a governing body that had condemned his wife. "Vicente's dealings with the federation are going to be a little bit strained," Bicourt said. "The federation could say, 'we do not recognise Vicente as an agent', but my view is that he is thoroughly professional and works with integrity."

Tony Ward, the BAF spokesman, said there would be no move to consider Modahl's role as an accredited agent, at least not before its management board meets in January. "They might let life go on," Ward said. "Other athletes have been found guilty of drug abuse and their coaches, or indeed their agents, have not been affected. It would be quite wrong to make an assumption that the coach/agent was involved in assisting an administration of drugs."

Modahl's most successful athlete, Steve Smith, the British high jump record-holder, pledged his loyalty yesterday, at least for now. "If it was clear-cut I would change managers straight away but it is not, and the way it is I am likely to stay loyal and support Vicente," Smith said. Smith added that, while he did not think his competition appearances in Britain would be affected, "there will be a lot of ways my promotion will suffer."

The first casualty could be the musical high jump competition, scheduled for February 21. Modahl lost £45,000 worth of sponsorship for the event when his wife's positive test became known and, though he said last week that new sponsorship was almost sealed, that might be doubtful now.

Modahl met Diane Edwards in 1990 and they married two years later, settling in the north-west. Vicente's arrival coincided with the rise from that region of Smith, David Grindley and Curtis Robb, and his business developed in tandem with their success. Modahl has been a model of success. This time, though, he has failed to deliver. His vehement contention that his wife was innocent, and that he had powerful evidence to prove it, was judged by the BAF to be no more than manager's hype.



Modahl: ability to act as agent could be undermined

BAF prepares to start trafficking inquiry

BY JOHN GOODBODY

BRITAIN'S athletics authorities are preparing to investigate how Diane Modahl acquired the drug that they claim she used to try to improve her performances.

With the sport still stunned by the four-year ban on the 1990 Commonwealth 800 metres champion, Modahl yesterday continued to protest her innocence of illicitly taking testosterone, the male hormone, and is now planning an appeal, which is likely to be heard in February by a new panel under an independent chairman.

If the committee confirms the suspension, the British Athletic Federation (BAF) will start an inquiry into how the athlete acquired the drug, and who else was involved in the trafficking. The BAF is aware that because of new legislation to be introduced by the Government, it is duty-bound to find the source of supply.

The inquiry was welcomed by Menzies Campell, the Liberal Democrat MP for Fife North East, whose campaign helped persuade Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to make it a criminal offence to possess hormone drugs with the intent to supply them to others.

Campbell, a former captain of the United Kingdom athletics team, said: "We should not concentrate on the fate of an individual athlete but rather on the sources of the supply of these drugs and the responsibility of those who are willing to administer them to an athlete.

"A full-scale investigation within the sport may be damaging in the short term but, in the long term, may be the only thing to be done to rid athletics of the slur of drug-taking."

On Wednesday, a five-strong disciplinary panel was "satisfied unanimously beyond reasonable doubt" that Modahl had illicitly taken testosterone, which helps an athlete recover more quickly from intensive exercise, so becoming the first British female athlete to be found guilty of doping.

The implication is that she took the hormone either in tablets or by injection, which is more efficacious because it is released more gradually into the system. Her testosterone-epitestosterone ratio of 42:1 is so high, compared to the normal ratio of 1:1, that the drug must have been administered very close to giving the urine sample in Portugal on June 18.

It is understood that her appeal will largely focus on two areas. First, there will be a challenge to the quality of the original analysis and whether the correct protocol was observed inside the laboratory in Lisbon. Second, her lawyers will question whether the documentation for the chain of custody of the urine sample was completed at the time or subsequently, so arousing doubts about its authenticity.

Vicente Modahl, Diane's husband and coach, failed to clear his wife's name on the grounds that her two medical conditions, polycystic ovary sydrome and five-alpha reductase, affected the ratio. Her lawyers also failed to persuade the panel that the sample had deteriorated by not being refrigerated for 48 hours. This lack of refrigeration immediately after collection is common and does not seem to have affected the other seven samples taken in Portugal.

FIXTURES

SPORTS

World Cup hit by lack of snow

THE men's World Cup, disrupted because of mild weather in Europe, will divert to Austria and Italy next week, the International Ski Federation said yesterday. After this weekend's races in Val D'Isère — downhills today and tomorrow and a giant slalom on Sunday — there will now be two slaloms at Lech am Arlberg in Austria and a giant slalom in Alta Badia, Italy next week.

No decision has yet been made over two women's races, scheduled for next Tuesday and Wednesday in Morzine, that the resort is unable to stage due to lack of snow.

Talks break down again

BASEBALL: Talks between striking American baseball players and major league club owners in New York have broken down. In addition to imposing a salary cap — the key issue that caused players to strike in August — the club owners are now expected to implement "work rules" when they meet in Chicago today. This would eliminate salary arbitration and alter drastically players' freedom of contract.

Medal-winners rewarded

ICE SKATING: The medal-winners at the national ice dance championships will lead the British team at the European championships in Dortmund next month. The team is Michelle Fitzgerald and Vincent Kyle, from Slough, Clair Wileman (Nottingham), Andrew Place (Milton Keynes) and Lynn Burton and Duncan Lenard (Slough).

Sponsors make same choice

CYCLING: Choice Accountancy, the London-based sponsors of Britain's leading professional team, confirmed yesterday that they will stay in the sport in 1995 — but with a new line-up. Simeon Hempsall has withdrawn to race in the United States while John Tanner, winner of the Premier Calendar series, and Mark Walsham will not be re-signed.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

FA CUP: Revised third-round draw: Saturday, January 7 (3.0): Leicester City v Enfield; Scarborough v Watford; Coventry City v West Bromwich Albion; Mansfield Town v Wolverhampton Wanderers; Wimbledon v Colchester United; Swindon Town v Marlow; Millwall v Arsenal; Gillingham v Sheffield Wednesday; Birmingham City v Liverpool; Aylesbury United v Queens Park Rangers (at Loftus Road); Grimsby Town v Norwich City; Swansea City v Middlesbrough; Southampton v Southend United; Sunderland v Carlisle United; Tottenham Hotspur v Altrincham; Wrexham v Ipswich Town; Nottingham Forest v Plymouth Argyle; Reading v Oldham Athletic; Portsmouth v Bolton Wanderers; Walsall v Leeds United; Bury v Tranmere Rovers; Everton v Derby County; Wycombe Wanderers v West Ham United (all ticket); Bristol City v Stoke City; Luton Town v Bristol Rovers; Barnsley v Aston Villa (all ticket); Chelsea v Charlton Athletic; Cambridge United v Burnley. Sunday, January 8 (3.0): Newcastle United v Blackburn Rovers (all ticket); Notts County v Manchester City; Crystal Palace v Lincoln City (12.0). Monday, January 9 (8.0): Sheffield United v Manchester United (all ticket.

Wednesday's results

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group seven: Wales 0 Bulgaria 3. Other matches: Group one: Israel 1 Romania 1 (in Tel Aviv). Group three: Turkey 1 Switzerland 2 (in Istanbul). Group five: Malta 1 Norway 1 (in Valletta); Holland 5 Luxembourg 0 (in Rotterdam). Group seven: Albania 0 Georgia 1 (in Tirana); Moldova 0 Germany 3 (in Chisinau). Group eight: Finland 4 San Marino 1 (in Helsinki).

FA CUP: Second round replay: Scunthorpe 1 Birmingham 2.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Clydebank v Hamilton.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group seven: Moldavia 1 Germany 1 (in Chisinau).

FOOTBALL LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Cork 0 Shelbourne 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Weststone 1 Clevedon 1. Dr Marlens Cup: Third round: Rushden and Diamonds 3 Baldock 0; V S Rugby 1 Worcester 3.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 1 Wimbledon 3; Charlton 5 Portsmouth 1; Ipswich 2 Swindon 2; Luton 1 Tottenham 2; Crystal Palace 0 Southampton 1. League Cup: Cardiff 0 Plymouth 1, Exeter 1 Swansea 2; Hereford 4 Bournemouth 1; Yeovil 4 Bath 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Crediton 0 Tiverton 5.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 1 Sunderland 0 (abandoned); Notts Forest 2 Derby 0. Postponed: Aston Villa v Man Utd, Leeds v Tranmere. Second division: Barnsley 2 Huddersfield 2; Blackpool 1 Shelf Wed 2 Middlesbrough 2 Burnley 0; Newcastle 4 Bradford 0; York 1 Leicester 2. Postponed: Hull v Birmingham.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Shildon 1 Tow Law Town 3.

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JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Gosport 2 Petersfield 0.

SURREY SENIOR CUP: Molesey 3 Crystal Palace 1.

UNIBOND NORTHERN LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: Third round: Bishop Auckland 2 Emley 2.

UNIJET SUSSEX LEAGUE: First division: Hailsham 2 Southwick 1.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Full Film Trophy: Fourth round: Worcester 1 Lea Valley 2. Postponed: Aldershot v Northavon. Worcestershire Under-19 Cup Final: Worcester College 7 Bridlemoor 0.

BASKETBALL

7-UP TROPHY: Semi-finals: Second leg: Sheffield 88 Doncaster 64 (Sheffield win 163-133 on agg); Thames Valley 105 Worthing 91 (Thames Valley win 132-182 on agg).

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham 98 (44) (Lloyd 31, Dorsey 21, Simms 18) Leopards 93 (47) (Brown 25, Miller/Abrams 18) (after overtime; 84-84 at normal time).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Orlando 120 Denver 98; Charlotte 108 Detroit 93; Indiana 81 Atlanta 79; Cleveland 95 New Jersey 88 (OT); Utah 103 Minnesota 95; San Antonio 122 Boston 110; Milwaukee 99 Philadelphia 98; Phoenix 111 Seattle 93; Portland 121 LA Clippers 73.

MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: Semi-final series: Panathinaikos (Gr) 65 Olimpija (Slovenia) 62 (in Ljubljana).

BIATHLON

BADGASTEIN, Austria: World Cup: Men (20km). 1, P Favre (It) 59min 16.8sec; 2, V Seschutin (But) 59:25.3; 3, J Niemi (Fin) 59:44.5; 4, P Carrara (It) 1:00:21.2; 5, J-A Tyldum (Nor) 1:00:44.4; 6, T Sikora (Pol) 1:00:49.7. World Cup standings: 1, Tyldum 54pts; 2, O-E Bjorndalen (Nor) 56; 3, V Dratschev (Russ) 52. Women (15km): 1, P Behle (Ger) 1:04:35.9; 2, A Briand (Fr) 1:04:46.3, 3, V Tsarbe (Ukr) 1.05:43.7; 4, O Petrowa (Ukr) 1:05:48.3; 5, N Talanowa (Russ) 1:06:51.8; 6, Ulrika Dresl (Ger) 1:07:06.1. World Cup standings: 1, Briand 67pts; 2, S Paramygina (Belo) 63; 3, Dresl 59.

BOBSLEIGHING

ALTENBERG, Germany: World Cup: Two-man: 1, Canada I (P Lueders and J Pyc) 1min 58.51sec; 2, Germany I (C Langen and K-U Kohler) 1:58.59; 3, Germany II (R Spies and S Peter) 1:56.98. World Cup leaders: Italy.

CRICKET

VIRGINIA, South Africa: One-day match: Orange Free State 221; Sri Lanka 222-5 (47.4 overs).

NAIROBI: One-day match: Kenya 275 (S Tikolo 153, Karim 50), United Arab Emirates 187 (Karim 4-15).

FREESTYLE SKIING

TIGNES, France: World Cup: Men: 1, S Shulstatyev (Russ) 27.02pts; 2, E Grospiron (Fr) 27.00; 3, D Campeno (Fr) 25.81; 4, J-L Brassard (Can) 25.75; 5, B Bertrand (Fr) 25.11; 6, J Smart (Can) 24.91. Women: 1, T Mittermayer (Ger) 26.50; 2, R Monod (Fr) 25.75; 3, C Gilg (Fr) 24.97; 4, E Kopyevnikova (Russ) 24.90; 5, A Catselin (Fr) 24.47; 6, D Weinbrecht (US) 24.08

GOLF

GOLD COAST, Australia: Women's tournament: First-round scores (Australia unless stated): 64: L Davies (GB). 67: C Dibnah, J Higgins (NZ), D Reid (GB), K Webb. 68: K Lunn, A Nicholas (GB). 69: T Hanson (US), L Garbacz (US), K Marshall (GB), J Crafter, A Sorenstam (Swe), M Morris (US), P Meunier (Fr) Other scores: 72: C Hall (GB). 74: K Douglas (GB)

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WHITEFISH, Montana: North American Championship Series: 1, M Ruthven (Can) 1min 19.76sec; L Roberts (Can) 1:19.78; 3, C Lussier (Can) 1:20.36.

SQUASH

BOMBAY: World Super Series: Second round: T Hands (Eng) bt P Steel (NZ) 15-9, 15-11, 15-8; D Harris (Eng) bt C van der Hath (SA) 15-10, 15-9, 15-5; H Weins (Ger) bt P Gregory (Eng) 15-13, 14-15, 7-15, 15-12, 17-14; B Martin (Aus) bt A Kirkland (Eng) 15-10, 15-8, 15-7. Quarter-finals: R Eyles (Aus) bt Hands 15-12, 15-8, 15-12, C Walker (Eng) bt F Usandizaga (Arg) 9-15, 15-9, 15-9, 15-11; P Marshall (Eng) bt Harris 15-12, 15-17, 15-7, 15-9; B Martin (Aus) bt H Wiens (Ger) 15-8, 15-13, 8-15, 14-15, 15-11

TABLE TENNIS

NAMUR, Belgium: European Woman's League: Belgium 3 England 4 (England names first: A Gordon lost to E Bilen 24-26, 13-21; L Lomas bt M Hubert 21-12, 21-10; A Holt bt S Thone 21-16, 18-21, 21-7; Holt and Lomas lost to Thone and Hubert 21-6, 15-21, 21-23; Lomas lost to Bilen 21-19, 19-21, 20-22; Gordon bt Thone 22-20, 21-17; Holt bt Hubert 21-8, 21-14.)

TAIWAN: World Cup: First round (round-robin): Group A: J-M Saive (Bel) bt A Helmy (Egypt) 21-8, 21-10; K Linghui (China) bt A Grubba (Pol) 21-15, 21-12; Saive bt Kong 21-17, 18-21, 21-13; Grubbe bt Helmy 21-12, 21-13. Group B: J-O Waldner (Swe) bt H Hoyama (Br) 22-20, 21-19; J Huang (Can) bt J Rosskopf (Ger) 21-10, 21-18; Waldner bt Huang 21-19, 21-17; Rosskopf bt Hoyama 21-7, 14-21, 21-15. Group C: Wang Tao (China) bt P Langley (Aus) 21-11, 21-12; C Peng-Lung (Taiwan) bt P Karlsson (Swe) 22-20, 14-21, 21-13; Wang bt Chang 21-15, 21-16; Karlsson bt Langley 21-17, 21-8. Group D: Z Primorac (Cro) bt W Wanchia (Taiwan) 21-15, 21-19; C Yinghua (US) bt J-P Gatien (Fr) 19-21, 21-16, 24-22; Primorac bt Chang 21-18, 21-16. Gatien bt Wu 13-21, 21-16, 21-18.

TENNIS

GORBY: LTA tour: D Draper (Northants) bt R Clarke (Leics) 6-1, 6-2; P Maggs (Avon) bt M Boulding (Yorks) 6-2, 6-4; M Powell (Notts) bt E McGinn (Scot) 6-4, 6-4; M Maclagan (Scot) bt G Jones (Kent) 6-2, 6-1.

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Fall follows victory at Olympia

Whitaker enjoys mixed fortunes in cup build-up

By Jenny MacArthur

MICHAEL WHITAKER, who attempts a second successive win in the Volvo World Cup qualifier at Olympia tomorrow, made an auspicious start to the five-day show when he and Everest Elton won the opening speed class, the Holly Stakes.

Everest Elton, an eight-year-old stallion, is no stranger to the winner's enclosure. In October he won in Stuttgart and Liège and was fourth in the Millstreet World Cup qualifier. In September he finished third in the inaugural Glasgow Masters.

Yesterday, he had to beat the fast time of Herve Godignon of France on Sarcelle De Sisse, who finished in 47.33sec. Elton often wastes valuable seconds by bucking in between his fences — but not on this occasion. "I didn't give him the chance," Whitaker said.

Keeping up a relentless gallop on the ten-fence course — and surviving two near slip-ups on the corners — Whitaker finished in 46.79sec.

Whitaker's opening day luck was shortlived. Less than two hours later he was back in the area on Everest My Messieur, attempting to improve on the fast time of Rob Ehrens, from Holland, in the Christmas Stocking Stakes. Taking a daring turn between fences five and six, My Messieur slipped over, depositing Whitaker on to the ground. Under international rules a rider is automatically eliminated if he falls.

For Ehrens, who thought he had little chance of holding on the lead with three of Europe's leading riders — Whitaker, Godignon and Stefan Lauber, from Switzerland — going in the last three, it was a timely win. His horse, Wunderknabe, 15, is soon to be retired. "At first I found him a difficult horse to ride but last year he won ten speed classes for me, so it's fitting he bows out on a winning note."

For tomorrow's Volvo World Cup qualifier Ehrens will ride his ex-Australian thoroughbred, Stolen Thunder, on which he won a class in Berlin last month. "He is also 15," Ehrens said, "but he feels more like eight."

Despite Elton's superb form this year, Whitaker will not be riding him in the World Cup qualifier. "Olympia is usually the biggest course of any qualifier and I think it would be too much too soon for him," he said.

With his leading horse, Everest Midnight Madness, still resting after straining his suspensory ligament, Whitaker will turn to Everest Two Step, the winner last year, for tomorrow's event.

"I'm just hoping he's back on form — he hasn't been as good this year." Whitaker blamed this relapse partly on the Calgary Nations Cup course in September. "It was the biggest course I've ever jumped and I think it frightened him," he said.

Nick Skelton, who finished ninth yesterday after a stylish round on Everest Correzienne, will start as one of the favourites tomorrow with his Millstreet winner, Everest Dollar Girl. John Whitaker is also likely to be one of his younger brother's main rivals. He is riding Everest Grannusch, the winner of £250,000 this year.

Whitaker's top horse for the past ten years, Everest Milton, produced the most emotional scenes of the afternoon when he was officially retired from the sport he has graced for so long. Belying his 17 years, Tom and Doreen Bradley's near-legendary grey, the winner of more than £1,250,000, danced his way round the arena — looking mystified at the absence of any fences. His adoring Olympia fans saluted him for the last time as he left the arena to the tune of *We are the Champions*.

William Funnell, who finished fourteenth on Berabus in The Christmas Stocking Stakes, and his wife Pippa, the former national horse trial champion, have signed a sponsorship contract with British Equestrian Insurance Brokers Ltd. The sponsorship, announced at Olympia yesterday, is the first to involve a husband and wife from two different equestrian disciplines.

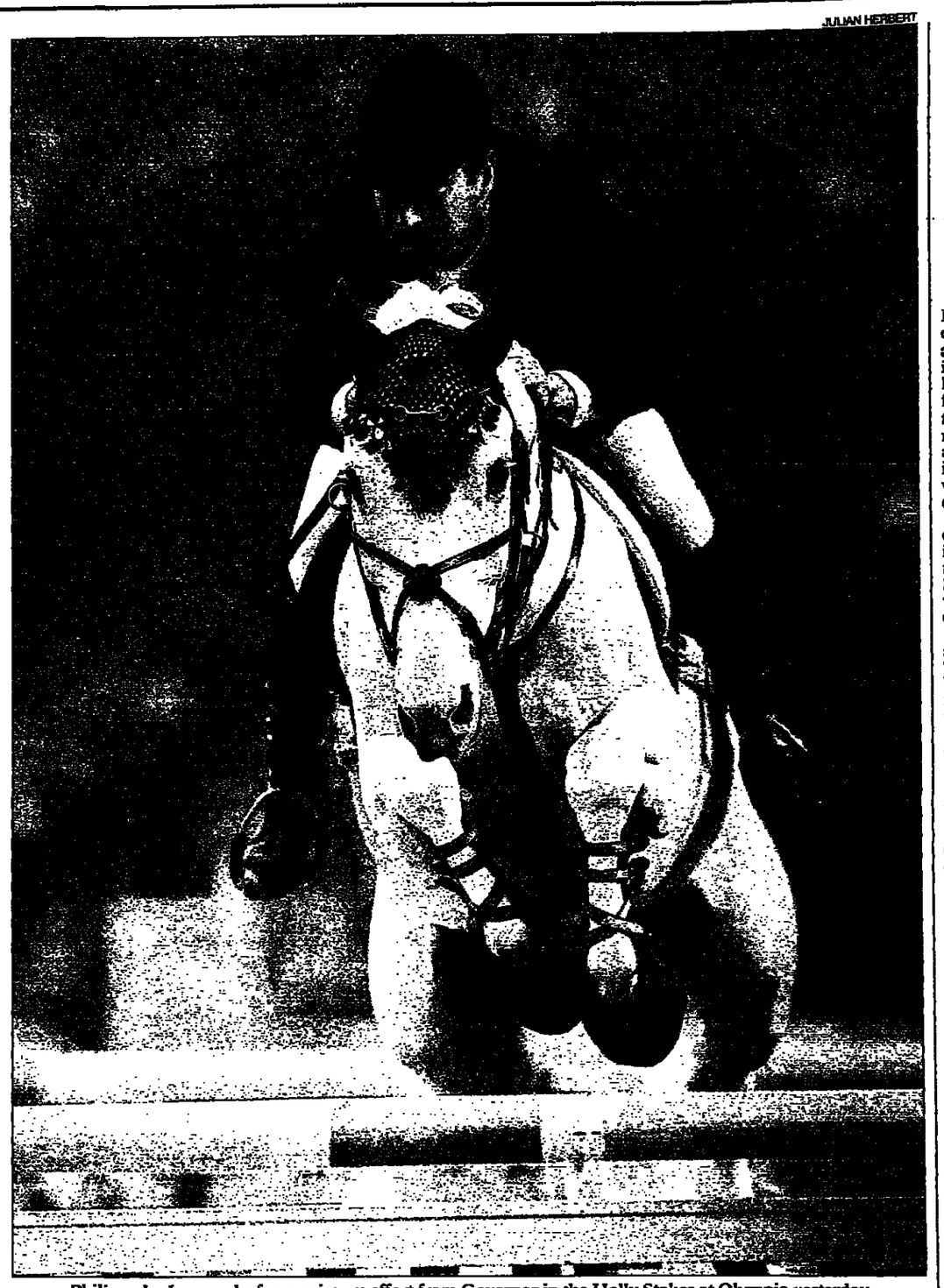
☐ British Equestrian Insurance Brokers (BEIB) will continue its support for the nine qualifying sections at horse trials throughout the next season for the Open Intermediate Series, which will culminate in a final at Brightling Park, East Sussex on July 9. The first qualifying event is at Poplar Park, Suffolk, on March 12.

RESULTS

THE HOLLY STAKES: 1, Everest Elton (M Whitaker, GB) 0 faults in 46.79sec; 2, Sarcelle De Sisse (H Godignon, Fr) 0 in 47.33; 3, Everest Showtime (N Skelton, GB) 0 in 48.83; 4, Welham (J Whitaker, GB) 0 in 49.0.

THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING STAKES: 1, Wunderknabe (R Ehrens, Holl) 36 15; 2, Gento (T Fruhmann, Austria) 36 17; 3, Uquileo La Fol (H Godignon, Fr) 37.75.

JULIAN HERBERT



Philippe Le Jeune asks for maximum effort from Governor in the Holly Stakes at Olympia yesterday

Doncaster prepare for court battle to survive

By Our Sports Staff

DONCASTER rugby league club, faced with debts of around £1.4million, are fighting a winding-up petition brought by Tony Fisher, their former coach. The club's directors have applied for an administration order in an attempt to gain some breathing space. The application will be heard at Doncaster county court next week.

Fisher, said to have parted company with the club following personality clashes with the chairman, John Desmond, began proceedings earlier this week to recover money he claims he is owed by the club.

"I very much hope it can be settled amicably," Fisher said. "I am trying to get my money back. I spent a lot of time and money at the club, and I don't feel I've been treated properly. I went without wages and expenses," he claimed.

The bulk of Doncaster's £1.4million debts are owed to Desmond and two companies, PDC Construction Limited and Kingstock Holdings. "The effect of an administration order would be to prevent the company going into liquidation," Julian Pitts, of insolvency experts, Wilson Pitts, said.

The club have already successfully fought off winding-up orders brought by the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise this season, and are pinning hopes on a further stay of execution. An administration order would enable the club to fulfil their fixtures, while seeking new owners.

Harry Gration, a Rugby Football League spokesman, said: "The league are taking a strong view on lost causes, although at the moment Doncaster are not in that category." Maurice Lindsay, senior representative of the league, is supporting plans for an international Grand Prix tournament in Paris following the World Cup next year.

Empty seats filling clubs with concern



GERALD DAVIES
Rugby Commentary

The new dawn that the league structure in Wales was meant to herald has, alas, yet to arrive, at least not in its bright, clear colours. As Mrs Dai Bread Two from *Under Milk Wood* might say, peering into the crystal ball in her lap: "There's great clouds blowing."

So there might be for Welsh club rugby. The future is not at all clear, as it is not in rugby at large, where a fair bit of crystal gazing is going on.

There is a growing concern in Wales. That Llanelli this week should have had two Heineken League points deducted for not abiding by the eligibility rules — to qualify to have more than 32 players included in their squad, Llanelli needed to ensure a second XV fixture list of 20 matches, which they did not — is symptomatic of a wider nervousness. The feeling exists that clubs will do anything to survive in a rugby climate in which the fear of losing league points is so overriding, and that the even greater fear of relegation is so earth-shaking, that it feeds irrational behaviour.

Stories abound about the grabbing mentality of clubs that recruit players in unscrupulous fashion from their neighbours. Clubs succumb, dimwittedly, to those players who arrive on their doorstep demanding outrageous offers. Principles go out of the window. And what for? To win the championship.

The Heineken League is now in its fifth year. After more than a century without a fully structured system, it may be that it still needs time to settle down. What is increasingly certain is that few clubs have fully come to terms with the new conditions. Indeed, the time may have arrived for clubs to reappraise their objectives altogether.

This is especially the case with the matter of raising revenue. Becoming top of the division, by hook or by crook, may not be the whole answer. It is clear that crowds are not rushing in huge numbers through the turnstiles. There are no packed houses, not even for the match of the day. Empty spaces at either end of the grandstand are a telltale sign. They were there on the first Saturday of the season at Stradey Park, when Llanelli played Swansea in the most local of local derbies. Surely not? Yes, there were.

There are further indications. Cardiff, at home to Llanelli last season, drew a crowd of more than 11,000. This season, just over 8,000 turned up. A little arithmetic suggests that, at an average £5 a head, the missing 3,000 represented a loss of £15,000 to the Cardiff coffers. This is more than the prize-money for winning the title. There are even more startling examples. Gate receipts for Swansea against Neath last season were £40,000. A month ago, they were a mere £8,000. These are stark and worrying figures for any club treasurer. But, as Byron Mugford, the Swansea secretary, said: "You cannot budget for that level of shortfall. Fortunately for us, we have strict financial controls in Swansea."

There are reasons — televised international rugby, inclement weather, or competing attractions such as the DIY superstore or a party at McDonald's — but if the leading fixtures do not generate a substantial flow of cash, what hope is there for the visits of those clubs at the bottom of the division, presently all from Gwent?

In addition, the first-division clubs are the victims of success among clubs in the lower divisions. Steve Fenwick, the chief executive of Bridgend, and Gareth Davies, at Cardiff, point to the half-dozen or so clubs in their immediate vicinity who no longer send their support. Where once Rumney or Kenfig Hill supporters, for instance, went along to matches at Cardiff or Bridgend respectively, nowadays they lend their support to their local club. Crowds here have expanded massively. Where once a couple of hundred might be expected, there are now a couple of thousand.

What is also clear is that the kind of rugby served up among the best clubs in the first division is inadequate. If the level of competing attractions is unlikely to change, except in its intensity, then clubs must ensure that the kind of rugby they play every Saturday is of the kind that will make people want to come back for more.

To aim to win the league title is not enough in itself. Swansea, after all, have won the championship twice in the past three years, yet even if their season-ticket holders have increased by five per cent, their crowds generally are down. Fenwick has recognised this. While he sets his sights on the championship, it is the manner in which Swansea intend to achieve it that matters most.

"There is a style which is associated with this club, and it is for running rugby," Fenwick said. "I can't see why any man should want to pay £8 to watch a boring forward battle every Saturday. I want to win like the next man. But I want excitement too." He might have added that rugby must be some kind of fun, too. It is why people go to McDonald's.

Mulling over the slippery slope of Beckton Alps



FREUD ON FRIDAY

No doubt about it: Beckton Alps ski slope has a lot going for it. Were I a stockholder I should feel more bullish about this investment than I do about hanging on to my GEC, Spring Ram and Kurnick 8¼ per cent preference shares.

From the resorts around the world we hear a wailing and a beating of anguished breasts. Snow has yet to fall on the traditional resort of Megève; Berchtesgaden is not even cold, Obergurgl positively spring-like, Chamonix green and lush, zilch in the way of a white covering at Zermatt. In St Anton am Arlberg they have 186 miles of piste with 75 ski lifts and slopes rising from 4,000 feet to 9,000 feet ... consider the effect of snowlessness on that community.

And consider the joys of Beckton Alps, founded 1986 and opened by Princess Diana in 1987, where the slope is 140 foot high, approaching a furlong in length and, rather than impose the tedium of queues for ski lifts, affords a continuous band of ascending discs on which skiers, desirous of reaching the top, may get a tow. As the soft, wintry sun plays over the uncharted wastelands of southwest Barking, a quiet confidence exudes from the syndicate that recently purchased east London's premier outdoor slope from the receiver.

For these good men, snow is not a problem; the surface is made up of bristle welded onto metal-lined underfelt and the customers' skis slide smoothly over the Dendix surface of extra hard toothbrushes set in open diamond pattern. Just so long as you do not opt for a fast descent and end up ten seconds later in the safety netting at the bottom, it affords three — even four — nicely calculated turns before ending on a sideways halt.

For those who feel that this is a far cry from St Moritz I suggest they consider the *après-ski* advantages: where else would you find a slope within ten miles of the greatest restaurants in the world: Marco Pierre White's, Tante Clare, Gavroche ... with Annabel's nightclub 25 minutes' drive west.

While it would be wrong to over-enthuse on the beauty of the surrounding countryside, those interested in civic projects will find a plethora of genuine period gasworks, sewage treatment plants, refuse transfer stations, lorry parks, factories and tanks. Add to that the proximity of Beckton station on the new, charismatic Dockland Light Railway and you would not want to look further.

At Aspen in Colorado I have spent two hours downtown to slope-top ... and met people who thought I was lucky it took no longer.

At Beckton one can walk to the summit in five minutes ... and qualify for all the pleasures of the Alpine cafe bar, Mountain restaurant and Aviemore suite which will soon form a part of The Chalet complex.

TONY WHITE



Despite a less-than-Swiss vista, an intrepid skier enjoys the artificial piste at the Beckton Alps

We are talking of the future — next week; last Wednesday there was a bacon sandwich made with short-back rather than streaky, green rather than smoked gammon and the bread was yesterday's steam-baked when the confection might have been served in a soft bap fashioned that morning.

And when I asked for gluhwein, it came from a bottle, tasted of Vimto with a livener of lighter fuel. They apologised; explained that this was stock bought from the receivers and watched with some interest as I went to the kitchen, boiled up a level tablespoon each of ground cinnamon and clove, chopped up a lemon and an orange, boiled this in a quart of water with six ounces of sugar.

Fifteen minutes later I sieved the mixture through a dishcloth, added to this a bottle of red wine and heated it to just short of boiling to become the sort of mulled wine to which you would be looking forward all along the walk from Beckton station. If you arrive in London at City airport two miles away, this could be worthy of a detour. Moreover, had they possessed some nutmeg, a touch of ginger and really suitable wine like Bulgarian red instead of receivers' written-down St Emilion, it would be an excellent place to break a journey on the new A13, a road which is an important alternative for those of us who live in East Anglia and are disenchanted with the A12.

The slope remains open until 11 each night, is discreetly floodlit and if it does not rain, they hose it down to achieve a faster surface.

Students search for increased stability

By David Hands

WHILE England's seniors spend the new year in Lanzarote, a 40-strong party of students will gather in the more sombre surrounds of Bisham Abbey from January 1 to 3 to start a journey which they too hope will end in South Africa. Though not yet ratified, the third student world cup is likely to be staged there in 1996 and leading Rugby Football Union (RFU) officials have discussed the way forward for the peripatetics of the representative calendar.

There is a direct link between the two groups: England's provisional World Cup party includes such players as Lawrence Dallaglio and Simon Shaw, both of whom have student qualifications — or will have, assuming England embrace the qualifying standard accepted by, among others, France, winners of the 1992 tournament in Italy.

That French party included players no longer in full-time education but no more than a year out, whereas England took genuine students. Considering that they lost only 9-6 in the quarter-finals to the eventual winners, England must have a reasonable prospect of doing well in 1996 but they must also fit into the structure planned by the RFU for such sides as England A, the emerging players and the under-21s.

All those sides draw upon students, which is why Pat Briggs, manager of the England Students, seeks a two-year run-up to his world cup. "We have to plan people's commitments," he said, but clearly he would appreciate the same kind of support from the union that France, for example, offered their students three years ago — which included government funding.

ENGLAND STUDENTS DEVELOPMENT SQUAD (universities unless stated): Backs: T Stimpson (Durham), M Singer (Bristol), J Ufton (Reading), J Sleightholme (Bath), J Naylor (Leeds Met), N Greenstock (London), A Healey (Leeds Met), S Roiser (Guy's Hospital), N Marval (Oxford), M Denney (Bristol), S Thompson (London), J Overend (Sheffield Hallam), M Allen (Loughborough), S Binns (Birmingham), S Howard (West London IHE), N Ryan (Wigan Tech), S Johnson (Bath), A Somerwall (Oxford Brookes), G Beconnsall (Central London). Forwards: R Lancaster (RAC Cirencester), M Shelley (Newcastle), D Molloy (Thames Valley), W Green (Oxford Brookes), M Long (Northumbria), A Collins (Swansea), C Johnson (Loughborough), I McKenzie (Cambridge), G Adams (Bath), M Burrow (East London), G Webster (Loughborough), C Murphy (Northumbria), R Bramley (Cambridge), D Peter (Kingston), C Yandell (Swansea), A Metcalfe (Cambridge), A Meadows (Cambridge), P Scrivener (Brunel), N Richardson (Cambridge), M Corry (Northumbria), A Pountney (Bedford Coll), R Hill (West London IHE), B Nicholas (Bath), K Yates (Bradford), E Rolfit (Cambridge).

Players face heavy bans

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

REFEREE assessors from the five nations meet in Edinburgh this weekend and they will not be short of debating issues. Rugby union is rolling remorselessly on in the fight against indiscipline, which leads to violence and which hampers a flowing, constructive game.

Vernon Pugh, chairman of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) and the Welsh Rugby Union, has thrown his weight behind punitive moves to be adopted for the 1995 World Cup; the meeting in Sydney last weekend of referees and coaches came out strongly against deliberate infringement which plagues so much club rugby.

Pugh, in an interview published today in *Rugby World* magazine, said that a paper is to be presented to the IRFB's annual meeting in March outlining minimum penalties for specific offences.

"The penalties will, for the first time, be meaningful and it's going to hit the World Cup hard," he said. Players found guilty of violent conduct are likely to be suspended from the tournament, at which an independent commissioner attending each game will adjudicate.

Pugh seeks a mandatory six to eight week ban for punching and a minimum of ten weeks for stamping on players' heads. That compares, for example, with Rugby Football Union recommendations this season of 30-day suspensions for punching and 60 days for kicking or raking. However, any measures accepted in March will be applicable not only to the World Cup but to the game worldwide.

"With the current Law Commission paper looking into violence in sport, there is a possibility that their initial recommendations will be adopted by the Government and we could end up having the police running on the pitch every ten minutes," Pugh said. "We're going to have to clean up the game pretty quickly."

The Sydney conference, attended by more than 40 delegates from 18 countries, will also make recommendations to the IRFB, one of which will emphasise the need for persistent infringement to be treated as foul play — which is where it occurs in the law book.

"The referee has the right to caution, or send off or award a penalty try," Bob Dwyer, the Australian coach who chaired that particular clinic, said.

"I don't think most people regard deliberate infringement as foul play. So we discussed attitudes to that area, including the approach of New Zealand and France where they operate sin bins and yellow 'cautionary' cards."

Dwyer also pointed out the comment of a Fijian delegate, who suggested that his referees might hesitate to apply the yellow-card system for fear of provoking an adverse reaction off the pitch rather than on it.

The comments of Dwyer about deliberate infringement will come as balm to the soul of officials such as Rob Smith, the Wasps coach, who has been preaching the same gospel all season.



Pugh: supports moves

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Aga Khan returns to Britain with reduced string

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

THE Aga Khan, three times a winner of the Epsom Derby, yesterday announced his return to the British racing scene after a self-imposed absence of four years.

His boycott of the British Turf was triggered by the Jockey Club's handling of the positive dope test returned by Aliysa, who carried his colours to victory in the 1989 Oaks before her disqualification in acrimonious circumstances the following year.

Although his horses will be seen on a regular basis from next March, they will be dispatched to race here from the stables of John Oxx in Ireland and Alain de Royer-Dupré in France. With this year's crop of yearlings all but distributed, the Aga Khan will not renew wide-scale patronage of British trainers until 1996 — and then with a string reduced from the 90-strong team he withdrew four years this month.

Speaking from his Aiglemont base in France last night, he said: "When I left England I didn't have horses in training in Ireland. It may be that I'll have horses in training in three countries rather than two, so it will be a somewhat smaller string."

Asked whether Michael Stoute and Luca Cumani, the Newmarket trainers who handled the bulk of his horses, would enjoy a similar status, he said: "We are looking to make new arrangements in the UK in the coming months and we'll go on from there. But I had a special relationship with both trainers."

All lovers of the classically-bred horse will welcome the Aga Khan's return to the British scene, which has undoubtedly been the poorer for his absence. His three Derby winners within an eight-year period, initiated by the majestic victory of Shergar in 1981, illustrated the potency of his bloodlines.

His end to the boycott was preceded yesterday morning by the Jockey Club's announcement of improved dope-testing procedures to take effect from January 2. The Aga Khan made a number of suggestions to a draft of the changes circulated by the Jockey Club in confidential discussions between the two parties. But the key element, in addition to increased levels of scientific scrutiny, concerns the requirement of all positive samples to undergo a mandatory counter-analysis.

This safeguard was not in place in 1989, when a urine sample taken from Aliysa tested positive for a metabolite of the prohibited substance, Camphor, in tests carried out on behalf of the Jockey Club by the Horserace Forensic Laboratory in Newmarket. Extensive research subsequently commissioned by the Aga Khan identified that the offending metabolite, 3-Hydroxycamphor, was also present in a number of additional substances routinely found in any stable.

The new dope-testing procedures bring Britain into line with the methods employed in Ireland and France. This harmonisation process has satisfied the Aga Khan that the dope-testing procedure will be brought to a conclusion acceptable to both sides.

At the time of Aliysa's disqualification, the Aga Khan made plain his frustration that he could not seek judicial review through the courts on the Jockey Club's findings. Such a process has not been introduced, but he said of the new procedures: "I think the Jockey Club is now very close to being in that position. It's the same for other sports in the UK but there is now a strong scientific overview, and owners and trainers can ask for a detailed scientific package [in the event of an initial positive test]."

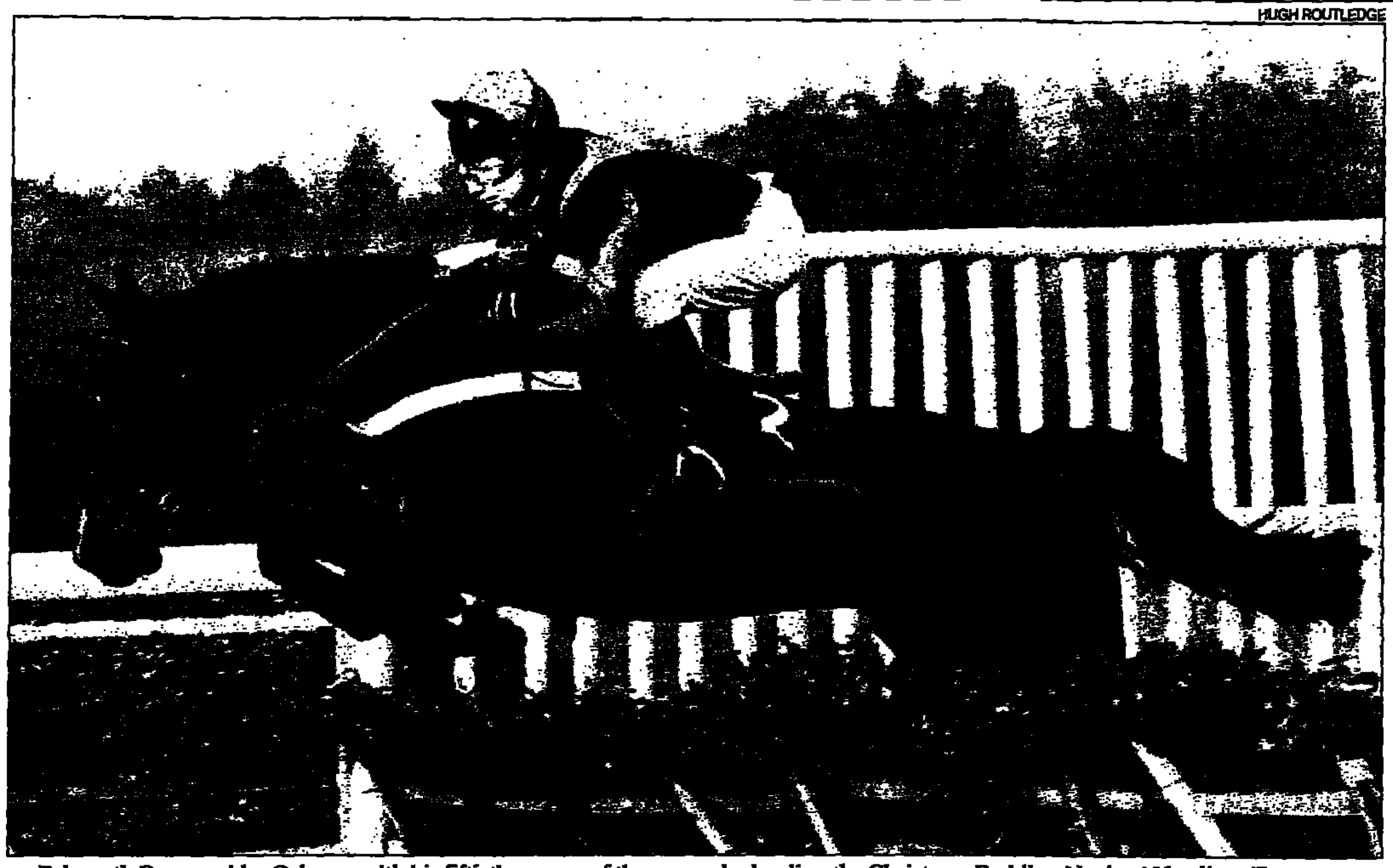
That the Aga Khan and the Jockey Club appear to have resolved their differences was very much in evidence when the former paid tribute to the efforts of Lord Hartington, chairman of the British Horseracing Board, and John Sparrow, chairman of the Levy Board. There is no doubt the Club has moved to meet the Aga Khan's demands for improving dope-testing procedures under the auspices of the European Horserace Scientific Liaison Committee, established in the wake of the Aliysa affair.

The Aga Khan, who insisted he would not return to Britain until his reservations were dispelled, is looking only to the future. "I can't wait to get back to racing in the UK. I would love to win a fourth Derby," he said. Having made 26 yearling entries for the 1996 classic, he is better placed than most to fulfil that ambition.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FONTANAYS
(2.30 Uttoxeter)

Next best: Wake Up
(3.10 Market Rasen)



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Falmouth Bay provides Osborne with his fiftieth success of the season by landing the Christmas Pudding Novices' Hurdle at Towcester

Osborne has plum ride on Lord Relic

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

JAMIE OSBORNE has been booked to ride the Martin Pipe-trained Lord Relic in the Betterware Cup tomorrow, but Adrian Maguire faces yet another fitness battle if he is to take part in the high-class Ascot card.

Maguire, who suffered a nasty fall at Cheltenham last Saturday, had a precautionary X-ray last night after Duhallow Lodge fell four fences from home in the Champagne Handicap Chase at Towcester. "I hurt the left side of my rib cage and that is where I was hurt on Saturday. It's a bit sore but, hopefully, I will be back on Saturday."

The jockey has an outstanding book of rides on Saturday — Dubacilla, Martin's Lamp, Hebridean and Relkeel — matched only by Osborne's intended mounts. The stylish Lambourn jockey was already pencilled in to ride Berude Not To and Leotard, both unbeaten this year, before Pipe snapped up his services for Lord Relic, second favourite for the day's feature race.

Osborne reached his half-century of winners for the season yesterday when Falmouth Bay, fourth to the useful Simple Arithmetic on his debut, justified favouritism in the Christmas Pudding Novices' Hurdle. The race has been used as a stepping stone in recent seasons to some of the best jumping prizes by horses such as Triple Witching, Carobee, Mighty Mogul and, 12 months ago, Relkeel.

The bullish noises made afterwards by Simon Sherwood, who was enjoying his first winner for more than a month, suggests Falmouth Bay could follow the path set by his illustrious predecessors. "He is potentially a very nice horse but he won't be knocked around this year. He hated the heavy ground and was never really going on it. He will prefer 2½ miles and good ground.

"He is the nucleus of a nice horse. Chasing is his game and we will nurse him around this year and go chasing with him next season. What I like about him is that he has a wonderful cruising speed."

Reflecting on his stable's quiet spell, Sherwood added: "We've had nine seconds in the last 36 days: there is nothing wrong with the horses. Luck has not been on our side."

Sweet Duke is not the largest of chasers but he defied a double penalty in taking style to win the Bet With The Tote Novices' Chase and, provided the ground is on the soft side at Kempton on Boxing Day, the seven-year-old will line up in the Feltham Chase.

Tort's opportunities are limited because he must have a right-handed track with a stiff uphill finish. Towcester is perfect and yesterday he avoided making his customary jumping error to take the Chris Thornton Silver Fox Handicap Chase.

Mick Fitzgerald was fined £250 after the stewards decided he had not ridden Windy Ways out to obtain the best possible placing behind Tort. The punishment appeared particularly harsh as the jockey had been hard at work on Nicky Henderson's chaser at least half a mile from home, before easing him after jumping the final fence.

MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER

12.40 Doctor-J
1.10 Toogood To Be True
1.40 Kenilworth
2.10 Northern Squire
2.40 Camitrov
3.10 **SCARABEN (nap)**

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
2.10 **DARK OAK.**

GOING: SOFT — SIS

12.40 PRE CHRISTMAS NOVICES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,849: 2m 1f 110yd) (11 runners)

101 35-1212 DOCTOR-J 38 (D,BF,F) (J Morris) J White 4-11-11 .... P McLoughlin (5) 88
102 22334-0 MISTER BLAKE 25 (V) (Ian Campbell Racing Club) I Campbell 4-11-5 .... R Campbell 97
103 661010 SIDE BAR 34 (B,CD,G) (M Baxter) M Ryan 4-11-3 .... J Ryan 98
104 D00 AUNTIE FAY 10 (S Hudson) B Rothwell 3-11-0 .... J Supple (5) –
105 JALARIS 190F (D Barker) S Kettlewell 3-11-0 .... S Taylor (7) –
106 202F5 DAME PROSPECT 13 (V) (Miss M Rowland) Miss M Rowland 3-10-13 .... Gary Lyons 91
107 44340-4 NEGD 27 (B) (Mrs A Allen) S Gollings 4-10-9 .... L Wyer [illegible]
108 00-PP0P MONAZITE 13 (J McConnochie) J McConnochie 4-10-8 .... G McCourt –
109 P0-03 SET-EM-ALIGHT 15 (R Hughes) M Eckley 4-10-8 .... – 94
110 F50 WADADA 17 (A Blee) S Campion 3-10-4 .... A S Smith 80
111 054 SWEET CAROLINE 9F (Mrs C Guigrard) Pat Mitchell 3-10-0 .... N Mann 85

BETTING: 9-4 Doctor-J, 3-1 Side Bar, 9-2 Set-Em-Alight, 6-1 Dame Prospect, 10-1 Mister Blake, Sweet Caroline, 12-1 Monazite, 16-1 Negd, 20-1 others.

1993: RAGGERTY 3-11-0 N Bentley (11-4) G Moore 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOCTOR-J beat Do Be Ware 2l in 12-runner selling handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, firm) on penultimate start. SIDE BAR beat Alice's Mirror 4l in 8-runner selling handicap hurdle over course and distance (good) on penultimate start, with NEGD (7lb better off) 37l 4th. AUNTIE FAY 48l 9th of 14 to Klondike in selling novice hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft).
DAME PROSPECT 18l 5th of 10 to Uncle Doug in novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good).
SET-EM-ALIGHT 13l 3rd of 10 to Star Mover in selling handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good). WADADA about 12½l 5th of 12 to Petite Bijou in selling hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft) on penultimate start, with DAME PROSPECT (14lb worse off) fell 5th.
SWEET CAROLINE 16½l 4th of 12 to John Tully in selling hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good), with SIDE BAR (10lb better off) 20½l 8th.
Selection: SIDE BAR

1.10 LINCOLNSHIRE MOTORS HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,273: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

201 11P-331 TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE 7 (G,S) (J McGrath) M H Easterby 6-12-0 (4ex) L Wyer 91
202 53211/0 BRAVE DEFENDER 15 (F,G) (J Hanlonson) J White 10-11-6 .... – –
203 /13/4-PF SANDY'S BEACON 10 (S) (Mrs M M Brock) J J O'Neill 9-11-2 A Roche (3) 81
204 4P5-42U GATHERING TIME 21 (G,S) (Miss V Haigh) Mrs S Smith 8-10-11 Richard Guest 87
205 32-2211 DEEP DECISION 13 (CD,G) (A Cairns) P Cheesbrough 8-10-9 .... K Johnson [illegible]
206 301-32U HUDSON BAY TRADER 18 (CD,B,S) (P Curtis) P Beaumont 7-10-6 Mrs A Farrell 98
207 46F4R0 NEGATORY 16 (F,G,S) (A Needham) M Chapman 7-10-0 .... W Worthington 61

Long handicap: Negatory 9-4.

BETTING: 7-4 Deep Decision, 9-4 Toogood To Be True, 9-2 Gathering Time, 8-1 Hudson Bay Trader, Brave Defender, 12-1 Sandy's Beacon, 25-1 Negatory.

1993: MATT REID 9-10-6 M Dwyer (7-4) J Leigh 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE beat Richardson 5l in 13-runner novice chase at Doncaster (3m, good). BRAVE DEFENDER 50l 8th of 11 to Over The Stream in handicap chase at Windsor (3m, good). Previously dead-heated with Farm Week when beating Dunraven Royal distance in 5-runner handicap chase at Windsor (3m 4f 110yd, firm). SANDY'S BEACON every chance when fell 4 out in handicap chase at Sedgefield (2m 5f, good to soft). GATHERING TIME 12l 2nd of 4 to Portonia in amateur riders' chase at Sedgefield (3m 3f, good to soft) on penultimate start. DEEP DECISION beat HUDSON BAY TRADER (1lb better off) ¾l in 5-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good) on penultimate start.
NEGATORY best effort 25l 4th of 12 to Dark Oak in novice chase here (2m 4f, good).
Selection: HUDSON BAY TRADER

1.40 ROSELAND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,735: 3m) (8 runners)

301 00-045 ASK FOR BARNEY 27 (M Gosse) B Rothwell 5-10-12 .... J Supple (5) 71
302 30/3052- EASBY JOKER 249 (S) (G Orchard) S Kettlewell 6-10-12 .... – 94
303 0330-U4 FIVE FLAGS 13 (G) (A Toulson) Mrs S Smith 6-10-12 .... Richard Guest 91
304 2/25-0 KENILWORTH 7 (Mrs D Osborne) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-12 .... E Callaghan (7) [illegible]
305 6P-6232 MALAWI 31 (R Betsell) W Betsell 4-10-12 .... L Wyer 91
306 3/404- STEEL FABRICATOR 385 (G & P Barker Ltd) J J O'Neill 7-10-12 A Roche (3) 84
307 2283-4 VALERIOS KING 49 (Valerio's Olympia Group Ltd) S Christian 5-10-12 G McCourt 89
308 /P/0P05- MIDORI 256 (Mrs A Tomlinson) Mrs A Tomlinson 6-10-7 .... K Johnson –

BETTING: 5-2 Kenilworth, 3-1 Valerios King, 7-2 Easby Joker, 5-1 Malawi, 8-1 Five Flags, 10-1 Ask For Barney, 14-1 others.

1993: IVY HOUSE 5-10-12 N Williamson (12-1) J J O'Neill 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASK FOR BARNEY 26½l 5th of 10 to Addington Boy in novice hurdle at Aintree (2m 110yd, good). EASBY JOKER 1½l 2nd of 16 to Coqui Lane in novice hurdle at Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft). FIVE FLAGS about 3½l 4th of 18 to Maybe O'Grady in novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m 7f 110yd, good). KENILWORTH 21l 7th of 16 to Cutthroat Kid in novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 4f, good). MALAWI 25l 2nd of 9 to Call My Guest in conditional jockeys' novice handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft), with FIVE FLAGS (9lb worse off) unseated rider 4 out. Previously 8l 3rd of 21 to Blue Laws in novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good), with VALERIOS KING (1lb better off) 2½l 4th. STEEL FABRICATOR 18½l 4th of 10 to Gray's Ellergy in novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 7f 110yd, good). MIDORI distance last of 5 finishers behind Strong Flame in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (3m 1f, good).
Selection: EASBY JOKER

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101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.10 CLUGSTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,291: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

401 0-1F4P2 NORTHERN SQUIRE 16 (D,G,S) (Mrs M Dixon) J Jefferson 6-11-10 .... L Wyer 88
402 22U8-11 DARK OAK 27 (CD,G) (Mrs M Curtis) J Curtis 8-11-5 .... L O'Hara [illegible]
403 4/PP104- JALINGO 273 (G,S) (G Gordon) K Morgan 7-11-0 .... A S Smith –
404 P-31U4F CALDECOTT 58 (D,G) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 8-10-8 .... Richard Guest 92
405 526P50 MASTER'S CROWN 17 (B,F,G,S) (M O'Toole) M Chapman 6-10-2 .... W Worthington 88
406 21/46U- MR OPTIMISTIC 347 (G,S) (Onon Racing) J J O'Neill 7-10-0 .... A Roche (3) 74
407 1F-5053 EASBY MANDRINA 16 (F,G,S) (A Williams) S Kettlewell 7-10-0 .... – 78
408 630-65F APRIL CITY 27 (G,S) (T Gourley) C Smith 5-10-0 .... M Ranger 83
409 4/030-0 MOON MONKEY 14 (Mrs A King) Mrs A King 6-10-0 .... R Farrant –

Long handicap: Mr Optimistic 9-9, Easby Mandrina 9-7, April City 9-0, Moon Monkey 8-6.

BETTING: 6-4 Dark Oak, 7-4 Northern Squire, 5-1 Jalingo, 7-1 Caldecott, 16-1 Master's Crown, 20-1 others.

1993: ASTINGS 5-12-0 M Dwyer (13-8 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

NORTHERN SQUIRE 5l 2nd of 9 to Brownhall in novice chase at Huntingdon (3m, good). DARK OAK beat Rhossili Bay 8l in 6-runner novice chase over course and distance (good). JALINGO best effort beat Iveagh House in 10-runner handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m, heavy) last season. CALDECOTT best effort beat Maggots Green 5l in 5-runner handicap chase at Perth (2m 4f 110yd, good). MR OPTIMISTIC best chase effort 31½l 4th of 8 to Country Lad in novice chase at Uttoxeter (2m, good) last season. EASBY MANDRINA 3¾l 3rd of 8 to Medinas Swan Song in novice handicap chase at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good).
Selection: NORTHERN SQUIRE (nap)

2.40 NEWARK STORAGE NOVICES CHASE
(£4,057: 2m 1f 110yd) (5 runners)

501 3243-13 NEWLANDS-GENERAL 6 (D,BF,G,S) (W Hancock) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-8 .... – [illegible]
502 P3-FFP2 CHEEKA 21 (D Thompson) C Smith 5-11-2 .... M Ranger 64
503 2602/0- COME ON DANCER 153F (Mrs E Reid) J White 6-11-2 .... P McLoughlin –
504 34/43-52 SHOOFE 27 (J Outwin) K Morgan 6-11-2 .... A S Smith –
505 3-R2221 CAMITROV 20 (S) (J Lewis) S Christian 4-10-11 .... G Upton 97

BETTING: Evens Camitrov, 11-8 Newlands-General, 7-1 Shoofe, 14-1 Cheeka, 16-1 Come On Dancer.

1993: ROC COLOR 4-10-11 G Bradley (9-4) C Brooks 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

NEWLANDS-GENERAL 6¾l 3rd of 6 to Clay County in handicap chase at Edinburgh (2m, good). Better effort beat Cross Cannon 15l in 8-runner handicap chase at Sedgefield (2m 1f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
CHEEKA ½l 2nd of 5 to Bottles in novice chase at Southwell (2m, soft). COME ON DANCER best effort 1l 2nd of 11 to Namaste in maiden hurdle at Plumpton (2m, good) in April 1992. SHOOFE 4l 2nd of 11 to Washington Heights in novice hurdle here (3m, good). CAMITROV beat Konvekta King 3l in 7-runner novice chase at Warwick (2m, good to soft).
Selection: CAMITROV

3.10 CHRISTMAS PARTY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,058: 2m 1f 110yd) (13 runners)

601 30F-F00 WHO'S TEF 42 (CD,F) (T F Freight Ltd) M H Easterby 6-12-0 .... G McCourt 90
602 1326-PP NATIVE WORTH 49 (S) (Mrs M Barker) J Jefferson 4-11-4 .... M Newton (7) [illegible]
603 443-454 VICOSA 13 (V,F,S) (Fleetway Racing Ltd) S Gollings 5-11-1 .... J Railton 88
604 P3-1482 WAKE UP 13 (C,D,F,G,S) (S Hammond) M H Easterby 7-10-13 .... L Wyer 98
605 P3-1325 TEJANO GOLD 15 (S) (P Bradley) P Bradley 4-10-7 .... W Humphreys 95
606 142110- WORDY'S WONDER 240 (G,S) (L Wordingham) L Wordingham 8-10-4 R Farrant 90
607 0-0300R PELEUS 84 (G) (M McCarthy) M McCarthy 9-10-3 .... Richard Guest –
608 0U1-120 SCARABEN 11 (BF,G,S) (J Tennant) S Kettlewell 6-10-2 .... – 93
609 65F226- CAPTAIN TANCRED 202 (S) (A Preston) J Birkett 6-10-1 .... M Moloney 92
610 /B0/P50- GOLDEN SHINE 282F (F,G) (J Harris) J L Harris 8-10-0 .... Mr I McLelland –
611 06-0010 WAMDHA 18 (CD,G,S) (T Pryke) K Morgan 4-10-0 .... A S Smith 92
612 054050 BALAAT 8 (B,D,F) (A Mann) M Chapman 6-10-0 .... W Worthington 88
613 630-432 TRISTAN'S COMET 21 (BF,G) (D Wilcox) J L Harris 7-10-0 P McLoughlin (5) 89

Long handicap: Wamdha 9-11, Balaat 9-5, Tristan's Comet 9-4.

BETTING: 7-2 Wake Up, 5-1 Scaraben, Tejano Gold, 6-1 Captain Tancred, Wordy's Wonder, 10-1 Vicosa, Wamdha, Who's Tef, 14-1 Tristan's Comet, 16-1 Native Worth, 20-1 others.

1993: GYMCRAK SOVEREIGN 5-10-12 R Marley (9-1) G Holmes 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

WHO'S TEF best effort beat Any Dream Would Do 6l in 7-runner handicap hurdle at Sedgefield (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm). VICOSA best effort 17l 4th of 8 to Roxy River in handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, firm). WAKE UP 3l 2nd of 8 to Eurotwist in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good) with VICOSA (3lb better off) 23l 5th. TEJANO GOLD 1¼l 2nd of 11 to Sylvan Sabre in novice handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good) on penultimate start. WORDY'S WONDER completing double, beat The Changeling 8l in 8-runner novice handicap hurdle at Fakenham (2m 110yd, soft) on penultimate start last season, with TEJANO GOLD (20lb worse off) 7½l 4th and WAMDHA (2lb better off) tailed off 6th. SCARABEN best effort beat Atherton Green 1¼l in 8-runner handicap hurdle at Catterick (2m, good). WAMDHA beat Desert Challenger 5l in 9-runner handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: WORDY'S WONDER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J White	6	19	31.6	G Upton	3	8	37.5
M H Easterby	22	70	31.4	G McCourt	17	76	22.4
M Ryan	6	28	21.4	L Wyer	18	82	22.0
Jimmy Fitzgerald	19	94	20.2	R Farrant	4	23	17.4
J Jefferson	4	22	18.2	A S Smith	13	83	15.7
K Morgan	16	96	16.7	K Johnson	7	45	15.6

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Towcester

Going: soft

1.00 (2m hdle) 1, BIRTHPLACE (S Wynne, 7-2); 2, Pontabula (M Appleby, 16-1); 3, Knyaz (J A McCarthy, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Rowlandsons Gold (4th), 2 Chiappucci (pu). 5 ran. NR: Kedge. 2½l, ¾l, ¾l. J A Harris at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £3.60; £2.10, £5.10. DF: £24.80. CSF: £35.94.

1.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1, REPEAT THE DOSE (R Dunwoody, 11-1); 2, Star Of Italy (S McNeill, 2-1 fav); 3, The Master Gunner (N Williamson, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Duhallow Lodge (f), 7-2 Rejoinus (4th). 5 ran. NR: Little-Nipper. 9l, 7l, dist. T Casey at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £7.50; £2.00, £1.80. DF: £8.70. CSF: £30.97.

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, FALMOUTH BAY (J Osborne, 5-6 fav); 2, Princess Ermyn (D O'Sullivan, 16-1); 3, Furietto (M A Fitzgerald, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Much Sought After, 14 Heresthedeal (5th), 16 Garnishee (pu), Spanish Refuge (4th), 20 Little Rowley, 25 Spring Saint (6th), 33 Hardly Arkenfield (pu), 50 Export Mondial, Il Bambino (pu). 12 ran. 3l, 1¾l, 2½l, ½l, 25l. S Sherwood at East Ilsley. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £5.70, £1.60. DF: £39.80. CSF: £17.18.

2.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, TORT (W Marston, 13-8 fav); 2, Larksmore (B Powell, 8-1); 3, Judges Fancy (D Bridgwater, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Windy Ways (5th), 8 Open The Gate (pu), 16 Goodshot Rich (pu), 25 Red Amber (4th). 7 ran. 6l, 5l, 15l, 3l. P Dalton at Burton-on-Trent. Tote: £2.80; £1.90, £2.90. DF: £8.10. CSF: £14.03.

3.00 (2m 6f ch) 1, SWEET DUKE (D Bridgwater, 4-5 fav); 2, Brave Highlander (P Hide, 2-1); 3, Simon Joseph (B Powell, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Old Father Time (5th), 12 Freddy Owen (4th), Rustic Sunset (f), 20 Parson's Way (pu), 33 Rock Diamond (ur), 50 Di Moda (ur), Electrofane (pu). 10 ran. 10l, 20l, 2l, 3½l. N Twiston-Davies at Cheltenham. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £1.50, £5.50. DF: £2.40. Trio: £134.30. CSF: £3.23.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, G'IME A BUZZ (R Dunwoody, 8-1); 2, Home From The Hill (W Marston, 15-8); 3, Juliett Jones (M A Fitzgerald, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Pearl Epee (6th), 14 Maching Green (4th), 25 Dark Nightingale, Tarsula, 33 Elusive Star, Tina Sparkle (5th), 50 Alamo Scout, Millstock, My Books Are Best. 12 ran. NR: Kedarl. ¾l, 10l, 3½l, 3l, 20l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £5.20; £1.80, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £8.20. CSF: £24.24.

Jackpot: £10,018.40 (0.29 winning tickets. Pool of £10,018.48 carried forward to Market Rasen today).
Placepot: £55.00. Quadpot: £2.00.

Southwell

Going: standard

11.50 (1m) 1, Cicarone (R Cochrane, 14-1); 2, Guesstimation (7-1); 3, Arrasas Lady (8-1). Hawwam 3-1 fav. 15 ran. NR: Oakley Manor. 2½l, 2½l. J L Harris. No Tote returns. CSF: £109.44. Tricast: £788.76.

12.20 (1m) 1, Bentico (S Sanders, 9-1); 2, No Submission (12-1); 3, Sharp Gazelle (25-1); 4, Camden's Ransom (7-1). Langtonian 13-8 fav. 16 ran. Nk, 2½l. Mrs N Macauley. Tote: £15.20; £2.80, £2.80, £3.70, £2.50. DF: £39.50. Trio: £203.70 (pool of £229.58 carried forward to 3.10 at Market Rasen today). CSF: £122.21. Tricast: £2,450.17.

12.50 (1m) 1, Poly Road (D Harrison, 14-1); 2, Norman Prince (9-1); 3, Runforaction (10-1). High Flown 4-1 jt-fav. 16 ran. 2½l, 3l. M Channon. Tote: £22.20; £5.00, £5.70, £5.10. DF: £225.00. CSF: £141.73.

1.20 (6f) 1, Little Ibnr (S Sanders, 4-1 fav); 2, Super Benz (10-1); 3, Scored Again (11-2). 16 ran. 2½l, 2l. P Evans. Tote: £3.80; £2.00, £3.70, £3.30. DF: £37.40. CSF: £45.62.

1.50 (1m 6f) 1, El Nido (R Cochrane, 5-1); 2, Tremendisto (14-1); 3, Absalom's Pillar (11-4 fav); 4, Mrs Jawleyford (10-1). 16 ran. 1½l, 1¾l. M Camacho. Tote: £6.20; £2.10, £7.00, £1.70, £3.60. DF: £61.00. Trio: £65.80. CSF: £72.28. Tricast: £219.21.

2.20 (5f) 1, Wasblest (T Williams, 6-1); 2, Avant Huit (10-1); 3, Posted Abroad (9-4). La Belle Dominique 2-1 fav. 16 ran. 1½l, sh hd. M Johnston. Tote: £7.80; £2.50, £2.30, £1.60. DF: £92.90. CSF: £70.03.

2.50 (5f) 1, Kalar (C Teague, 7-1); 2, Nineacres (4-1 fav); 3, Samson-Agonistes (12-1); 4, Black Boy (25-1). 17 ran. ¾l, 1l. D Chapman. Tote: £11.40; £2.10, £1.80, £4.90, £3.40. DF: £20.00. Trio: £203.90. CSF: £37.86. Tricast: £326.79.

3.20 (1m 3f) 1, Joseph's Wine (Alex Greaves, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Hillzah (16-1); 3, Chief Of Staff (10-1). New Inn 3-1 jt-fav. 14 ran. 4l, 5l. D Nicholls. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £5.50, £2.80. DF: £51.60. Trio: £174.00. CSF: £54.88. Tricast: £431.11.

Placepot: £852.10. Quadpot: £21.00.

☐ Yesterday's meeting at Kelso was called off because of frost.

UTTOXETER

THUNDERER

12.30 My Rossini. 1.00 L'Uomo Piu. 1.30 Much Too Clever. 2.00 General Wolfe. 2.30 Saint Ciel. 3.00 Coonawara. 3.30 Nipper Reed.

GOING: SOFT — SIS

12.30 JOHN PARTRIDGE ENGLISH CLOTHING NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,061: 2m 4f 110yd) (16 runners)

1 P0-1 MY ROSSINI 29 (D,G,S) P Bevan 5-11-5 .... T Wall 90
2 3U BADAWI 21 G Yardley 4-10-12 .... D Leahy (3) 76
3 10-3 BEAR CLAW 27 (S) O Sherwood 5-10-12 .... J Osborne 98
4 5542 CHALLENGER DU LUC 21 (B,BF) M Pipe 4-10-12 R Dunwoody 88
5 5-32 CRANE HILL 14 P Hobbs 4-10-12 .... C Maude [illegible]
6 P GLENTILT 37 J Webber 4-10-12 .... R Bellamy –
7 65-4 HOLY STING 23 N Twiston-Davies 5-10-12 .... D Bridgwater 71
8 -004 KING'S CROSS 14 A J Wilson 5-10-12 .... N Williamson 60
9 4-30 LOBILIO 44 (V) D Burchell 5-10-12 .... D J Burchell 90
10 0/P NOTHING DOING 22 W Musson 5-10-12 .... G Bradley –
11 032 PISTOL RIVER 10 N Walker 4-10-12 .... B Powell 90
12 06-2 SHIMBA HILLS 14 Mrs J Retter 6-10-12 .... Mr J Culloty (7) 86
13 6 STORM FORCE TEN 14 N Gaselee 5-10-12 .... M A Fitzgerald –
14 04- TURFMANS VISION 412 R Hollinshead 4-10-12 S Wynne (3) 71
15 0P/ DEAL WITH HONOR 564 K Bridgwater 5-10-7 .... J Lodder –
16 3 STEPHANIENTSE 28 E Alston 4-10-7 .... A Procter (3) 65

5-2 Bear Claw, 3-1 My Rossini, 5-1 Challenger Du Luc, 7-1 Holy Sting, 8-1 Pistol River, 10-1 Shimba Hills, 12-1 Turfmans Vision, Crane Hill, 14-1 others.

1.00 LEFLEY'S STAFFORDSHIRE HOG CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,393: 2m 5f) (6)

1 P215 L'UOMO PIU 14 (F,G,S) A Barrow 10-11-10 .... Guy Lewis 98
2 3331 MAN OF THE GRANGE 29 (F,S) W Clay 8-11-6 .... F Leahy 97
3 -813 SAILOR JIM 27 (CD,F,S) P Dalton 7-10-13 .... A P McCoy 95
4 -0U2 HOWGILL 7 (F,G) R Hollinshead 8-10-10 .... S Wynne 98
5 385P MO ICHI DO 22 (CD,F,G,S) Miss S Wilton 8-10-8 .... T Eley [illegible]
6 3665 ZAMIL 16 (C,D,G,S) K Bade 9-10-7 .... M Kelly (5) 84

2-1 Sailor Jim, 3-1 Howgill, Man Of The Grange, 4-1 L'Uomo Piu, 10-1 Mo Ichi Do, 16-1 Zamil.

1.30 ROCESTER FOOTBALL CLUB SELLING HURDLE
(£1,935: 2m) (12)

1 8/P DAILY SPORT GIRL 31 (D,G) B Llewellyn 5-11-6 .... Mr J L Llewellyn (5) –
2 4245 ALIF 34 W Clay 5-11-5 .... Diane Clay 92
3 -844 COBB GATE 29 (B,D,S) B Stevens 5-11-5 .... M Stevens [illegible]
4 0- KISMETIM 86F F Jordan 4-11-5 .... J Lodder –
5 0-0 WHITELOCK QUEST 58 D Arbuthnot 6-11-5 .... N Williamson –
6 CRAB 'N LOBSTER 73F B Preece 4-11-0 .... T Wall –
7 4F TUSCANIA 22 J Wharton 4-11-0 .... B Dalton 83
8 P ACHA LARKA 14 M Barraclough 3-10-5 .... Ann Stokell –
9 32U ALASKAN HEIR 16 A Forbes 3-10-5 .... T Eley (3) 92
10 0 HADIER 16 P McBride 3-10-5 .... D Bridgwater –
11 3 MUCH TOO CLEVER 17 M Pipe 3-10-5 .... R Dunwoody 93
12 04 PETITJEAN 14 D Burchell 3-10-5 .... D J Burchell 88

6-4 Much Too Clever, 5-1 Alaskan Heir, 7-1 Petitjean, 10-1 Cobb Gate, Crab 'N Lobster, 12-1 Alif, Tuscania, 14-1 Daily Sport Girl, 16-1 others.

2.00 CELEBRATIONS MARQUEE COMPANY NOVICES CHASE
(£3,035: 2m 7f) (11)

1 5221 FAST THOUGHTS 8 (F,G,S) D Gandolfo 7-11-4 R Dunwoody 98
2 20-1 MAD THYME 29 (G) N Gaselee 7-11-4 .... M A Fitzgerald [illegible]
3 41-U GENERAL WOLFE 35 (S) T Forster 5-10-12 .... J R Kavanagh –
4 R-PP KINGOFTHESWINGERS 15 Miss S Wilton 7-10-12 T Eley (3) –
5 KINVARRA P Hobbs 8-10-12 .... Peter Hobbs –
6 2-43 MAAMUR 20 (G) C Broad 6-10-12 .... W Marston 97
7 MASTER ORCHESTRA M Bradstock 5-10-12 .... G Bradley –
8 -2FP MURPHY STREET 29 Mrs A Barclay 8-10-12 Mr S Joynes (7) 75
9 P/P4 WODEHOUSE 34 J Bosley 9-10-12 .... M Bosley 75
10 CREW GIRL J Webber 5-10-7 .... R Bellamy –
11 P MINDYEROWNBUSINESS 36 R Lee 5-10-7 .... R Greene –

9-4 Mad Thyme, 5-2 Fast Thoughts, 7-2 General Wolfe, 4-1 Maamur, 14-1 Wodehouse, 16-1 Kinvarra, Master Orchestra, 20-1 others.

2.30 MERCURY TAVERNS COUNTY AIR AMBULANCE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,479: 2m) (7)

1 330- GYMCRAK STARDOM 228 (D,G,S) G Holmes 8-12-0 .... N Williamson 93
2 -232 ZEALOUS KITTEN 7 (D,G,S) R Price 6-11-0 .... A P McCoy (3) [illegible]
3 4-44 FONTANAYS 9 (D,BF,S) Mrs M McCourt 6-10-10 D Gallagher 95
4 6-11 SAINT CIEL 30 (CD,G,S) F Jordan 6-10-6 .... J Lodder 93
5 2524 RUNAWAY PETE 4 (F,G) A Barrow 4-10-3 .... B Powell 98
6 11-P SKITTLE ALLEY 21 (D,G,S) W Clay 8-10-1 .... Diane Clay 88
7 -404 LEGAL ARTIST 23 (B) Miss C Johnsey 4-10-0 .... L Harvey 90

7-4 Saint Ciel, 11-4 Zealous Kitten, 4-1 Fontanays, 6-1 Gymcrak Stardom, 8-1 Runaway Pete, 16-1 Skittle Alley, 20-1 Legal Artist.

3.00 SHEER BRILLIANCE HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,981: 2m) (4)

1 -431 YOUNG SNUGFIT 27 (D,F,G,S) O Sherwood 10-12-0 J Osborne [illegible]
2 -52P SPREE CROSS 20 (D,G,S) Mrs D Haine 8-11-4 .... G Bradley 97
3 1F-F COONAWARA 21 (CD,BF,G,S) T Forster 8-11-4 R Dunwoody 98
4 0204 TUROLDUS 15 P Dalton 9-10-0 .... A P McCoy (3) 71

11-10 Coonawara, 7-4 Young Snugfit, 3-1 Spree Cross, 25-1 Turoldus.

3.30 ST MODWEN NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,243: 2m) (8)

1 1343 HEATHYARDS CRUSADE 8 (S) R Hollinshead 3-11-12 .... S Wynne (3) 85
2 2/26 PLUCKY PUNTER 10 M H Easterby 6-11-11 .... R Dunwoody 81
3 4200 BARRYBEN 15 W Brisbourne 5-11-1 .... NON-RUNNER –
4 5143 STRIKE-A-POSE 20 (D,S) B Llewellyn 4-10-12 .... Mr J L Llewellyn (5) 84
5 0P06 FLIGHT OF SONG 4 P Murphy 7-10-8 .... E Murphy 92
6 P613 NIPPER REED 4 (D,S) R Simpson 4-10-8 .... D Gallagher 93
7 0UP0 NOBLE RISK 25 (B) B De Haan 4-10-0 .... S McNeill 72
8 P-P3 IDIOM 8 Mrs J Retter 7-10-0 .... Mr J Culloty (7) [illegible]

5-2 Strike-A-Pose, 3-1 Nipper Reed, 7-2 Heathyards Crusade, 5-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 42 winners from 132 runners, 31.8%; T Forster, 12 from 43, 27.9%; Mrs J Retter, 5 from 18, 27.8%; O Sherwood, 13 from 48, 27.1%; Mrs D Haine, 4 from 17, 23.5%; M Bradstock, 3 from 15, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 24 winners from 95 rides, 25.3%; R Dunwoody, 34 from 145, 23.4%; J R Kavanagh, 6 from 29, 20.7%; S McNeill, 8 from 40, 20.0%; G Bradley, 5 from 28, 17.9%; B Powell, 6 from 34, 17.6%.

CATTERICK

THUNDERER

12.50 Seagull Hollow. 1.20 Lochnagrain. 1.50 Strong Approach. 2.20 Zaaheyah. 2.50 Habton Whin. 3.20 Moonshine Dancer.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

12.50 GLEBE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,562: 2m) (6 runners)

1 2321 SEAGULL HOLLOW 10 (G,S) M H Easterby 5-11-7 .... R Garritty
2 -020 COME ON CHARLIE 49 S Coathup 5-11-0 .... N Bentley
3 2882 JUDICIAL FIELD 25 (S) N Tinkler 5-11-0 .... M Dwyer
4 F4/ MILS MIJ 885 (F,G,S) T Cuthbert 9-11-0 .... A Dobbin
5 -068 SWEET CALLERNISH 22 J Johnson 5-11-0 .... N Doughty
6 545P WILLIBELONG 18 W Raw 5-11-0 .... A Thornton

Evens Seagull Hollow, 5-2 Judicial Field, 6-1 Sweet Callernish, 8-1 others.

1.20 RABY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,622: 2m) (13)

1 0P CLIMINE 13 T Tate 4-10-12 .... Mr S Swiers
2 0 JARLMAR 13 H Gill 7-10-12 .... B Grattan (7)
3 2-32 LOCHNAGRAIN 8 (BF,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-12 .... P Niven
4 0-00 MULLINGAR 38 J Charlton 5-10-12 .... B Storey
5 3-0 NATIVE MONY 25 M Hammond 5-10-12 .... D Bentley (3)
6 PARADISE ROW M H Easterby 4-10-12 .... J Callaghan
7 06 PARSONS BOY 25 G Richards 5-10-12 .... A Dobbin
8 00-P SABBAQ 92 Mrs S Lamyman 4-10-12 .... J McLaughlin
9 16-0 SOUNDS FYNE 69 (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-12 .... M Dwyer
10 0-64 SPEAKER WEATHERILL 25 O Brennan 5-10-12 .... M Brennan
11 3-35 SPRING CALL 16 (BF) M H Easterby 4-10-12 .... R Garritty
12 125 WILLS TELMAR 16 (F) J Johnson 6-10-12 .... N Doughty
13 0-00 ONLY JESTING 16 Mrs P Sly 4-10-7 .... R Marley

6-4 Lochnagrain, 7-2 Wills Telmar, 6-1 Sounds Fyne, 10-1 Only Jesting, Speaker Weatherill, 12-1 Spring Call, 14-1 Parsons Boy, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs P Sly, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; K Morgan, 7 from 26, 26.9%; L Lungo, 6 from 23, 26.1%; Mrs M Reveley, 22 from 96, 22.9%; N Tinkler, 7 from 35, 20.0%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 14 from 71, 19.7%.

JOCKEYS: M Dwyer, 20 winners from 72 rides, 27.8%; P Niven, 17 from 82, 20.7%; R Marley, 8 from 40, 15.0%; R Garritty, 12 from 86, 14.0%; N Doughty, 7 from 52, 13.5%; D Wilkinson, 4 from 32, 12.5%.

1.50 BOVILLE HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,899: 2m 3f) (6)

1 -584 ONE FOR THE POT 8 (C,F,G,S) Mrs A Naughton 9-11-12 .... T Jenks (3)
2 3-23 GREEK FLUTTER 22 (G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-8 .... M Dwyer
3 2111 DOWN THE ROAD 20 (F,G,S) J Johnson 7-11-7 .... N Doughty
4 -43U TRESIDDER 7 (C,F,G,S) M W Easterby 12-11-6 .... R Garritty
5 3-45 SEON 22 (C,BF,F,G,S) C Parker 8-11-3 .... B Storey
6 0-32 STRONG APPROACH 25 (G) J Charlton 9-10-13 .... A Dobbin

2-1 Down The Road, 9-4 Strong Approach, 5-1 Greek Flutter, 7-1 One For The Pot, 8-1 Tresidder, 10-1 Seon.

2.20 BURN HOUSE SELLING HURDLE
(£1,831: 2m) (9)

1 -468 RICHMOND 25 (B,G) Mrs S Austin 6-11-7 .... D Wilkinson
2 2 BOLD PURSUIT 16F (BF) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0 .... M Dwyer
3 6-04 FRIENDLY KNIGHT 25 J Haldane 4-11-0 .... N Doughty
4 5-00 SHERWOOD GRANGE 36 O Brennan 6-11-0 .... M Brennan
5 00 WILL SOON 27 W Bentley 5-11-0 .... N Bentley
6 3/52 BRILLIANT DISGUISE 23 P Monteith 5-10-9 .... A Dobbin
7 0-P6 COME ON LUCY 11 S Coathup 5-10-9 .... Mark Brown (7)
8 0 JENDORCET 22 C Fairhurst 4-10-9 .... C Hawkins
9 6-10 ZAAHEYAH 32 (S) M Hammond 4-10-9 .... S Lyons (3)

11-4 Brilliant Disguise, 3-1 Bold Pursuit, 9-2 Zaaheyah, 5-1 Richmond, 7-1 Friendly Knight, 10-1 Will Soon, 12-1 Sherwood Grange, 14-1 others.

2.50 WESTHORPE HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,200: 3m 1f 110yd) (2)

1 -213 PORTONIA 16 (CD,BF,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 10-12-0 .... P Niven
2 -212 HABTON WHIN 13 (CD,G) M H Easterby 8-11-0 .... R Garritty

4-6 Habton Whin, 11-10 Portonia.

3.20 HARRYS AT CATTERICK HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,102: 3m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 6-33 RIDWAN 18 (S) K Morgan 7-11-10 .... R Massey (5)
2 -221 MOONSHINE DANCER 22 (F,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-2 G Lee (5)
3 PPUF WHO SIR 7 (S) J J O'Neill 8-10-10 .... M Dwyer
4 P/P ANOTHER DYER 22 (S) L Lungo 10-10-2 .... F Perratt (5)
5 405- MR FENWICK 275 (CD,F,G,S) J Eyre 10-10-0 .... O Pears
6 60/P STAR NEPHEW 7 H Gill 9-10-0 .... B Grattan (7)

4-5 Moonshine Dancer, 9-4 Ridwan, 6-1 Who Sir, 10-1 Mr Fenwick, 20-1 Another Dyer, 25-1 Star Nephew.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Market Rasen: 2.10 April City. 3.10 Balaat, Vicosa. Uttoxeter: 12.30 Challenger Du Luc.

Sanders completes unusual double

SEB SANDERS, the apprentice jockey, completed an unusual 49-1 double at Southwell yesterday. The 5lb claiming rider's successes, on Bentico and Little Ibnr, was a repeat of his double on the same two horses at Wolverhampton on Saturday night.

Sanders, attached to Reg Akehurst's stable, knows the pair well and was at his most persuasive when gaining a neck success on Bentico in the second division of the Berkshire Handicap.

Norma Macauley, the trainer of Bentico, said: "He had a big weight and it looked like taking its effect close home. But Bentico is so game and Seb stayed cool."

Sanders had a more comfortable ride on David Evans's Little Ibnr in the Pluto Limited Stakes, the pair winning by 2½ lengths from Super Benz. Evans said: "My horses are in good form — just as they were last Christmas."

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Peter Cooper, in charge of the programme of anti-erosion measures at Brancaster, tees off on the west Norfolk course that is at the mercy of the vagaries of the North Sea

Maintaining a course against the tide



John Hopkins reports that one of Britain's most beautiful golf courses may not survive another battering

There are few more beautiful golf courses than the Royal West Norfolk at Brancaster but, sadly, the course that has lasted for more than a hundred years may not survive another one. The RWNGC is set on a spit of land on the upper lip of East Anglia and pummelled regularly by the North Sea. Club members and officials fear that, any day now, the deadly combination of an exceptionally high tide and a strong onshore wind will whip up an angry sea to rip away at the remaining sand dunes that protect the course and so presage the end of Brancaster, as it is known.

One such storm came in October 1990, when sea water pounded so fiercely against the clubhouse's protective wall that water came down the chimney and spray was sent 60 feet into the air. Steel pilings were tossed aside, a concrete wall battered to an angle of 45 degrees. Ten yards of sand dunes were lost that day; more have gone since.

Bad as that storm was, it was less harmful than the one in January 1978. "There was a 90mph north wind and a big tide," Ray Kimber, who has been the professional at Brancaster for nearly 30 years, recalled. "The sea bank along the road was breached in 14 places. The floor of my shop was covered with crabs and seaweed. The greenkeeper's sheds had four feet of water in them and the fifth green, which is about in the middle of the course, was completely flooded.

"The car park was under several feet of water. The steward had a Jaguar parked just outside the clubhouse and I had an old Ford, a banger. My Ford went again, but the steward's Jaguar never did. After the storm subsided, I looked out of the window of my shop and noticed that a concrete shelter the size of a small house had been unearthed. I hadn't known it existed. In Wells harbour, the sea lifted a coaster out of the water and left it on the quay."

Few courses have an erosion problem as great as Brancaster's. In March 1991, nearly £200,000 of defence work was done to the promontory which contained the first tee and to the clubhouse, giving it a skirt of massive Leicestershire granite rocks, known as rock armour. Within two years, the sea had reclaimed ten more yards of dunes. A report forecast that another 15 or 20 yards of dunes would soon disappear. "That could mean losing the first and second holes, the 16th green, the 17th and the 18th," Peter Cooper, the club member who is in charge of Brancaster's anti-erosion programme, said.

The club is proposing to spend £700,000 on building a three-foot shingle bank on the beach and placing wooden groynes at 50-metre intervals along 800 metres of the beach.

"Brancaster is a null point in respect of longshore drift," Cooper explained. "In other words, no new material is deposited on this stretch of coastline. What is more, the level of the beach is dropping and the lower the beach the deeper the waves and the stronger the undertow, so the waves tear away the base of the dunes."

Would that it were just a question of calling in the experts and fulfilling their recommendations. But Brancaster's outstanding beauty is also its problem. It is to the environment what York Minster or the city of Bath are to architecture. It is within a Special Protection Area, which is highly important for birds. Kimber has written a pamphlet listing 230 species of birds that he has seen on the course, not forgetting the pyramidal bee orchids and rare rushes, one of only two colonies in Norfolk, to be found near the practice ground.

The course is also a Ramsar site, a world heritage site, a special area of conservation and a site of special scientific interest. Practically nothing can be done to it without the approval of either the National Trust (NT), which owns the foreshore of a beach that attracts up to 50,000 people each year, or English Nature (EN). "It's one of the finest natural coastlines in the British Isles, not just England," Peter Lamley of English Nature said. "Our remit is to keep it as natural as possible."

Cooper is anxious to press on with the protective measures, but is being restrained by the NT and EN which want any repair work to be done after the publication of the National Rivers Authority's Shoreline Management Plan, which is not expected for at least another year. "That means keeping our fingers crossed for the rest of this winter and some of next," Cooper said glumly. "We may not last that long."

Brancaster, recently named 22nd best golf course in Britain and Ireland by *Golf World*, is unlike any other club in that it is ruled by the ebb and flow of the sea. Ring Kimber to book a tee-time and the answer will depend on the state of the tides, the times of which are marked on a blackboard in the clubhouse. At high tide, the road to the club is impassable and members must park their cars in a nearby lane and slosh down "The Bank", a watery walk along a dyke to reach the clubhouse.

"It's a wonderful way of limiting committee meetings," Sir Michael Beetham, Marshal of the RAF, said. "If you call one for four o'clock knowing there's a high tide at six o'clock and you want a drink before you leave, it's amazing how quickly you get through the business."

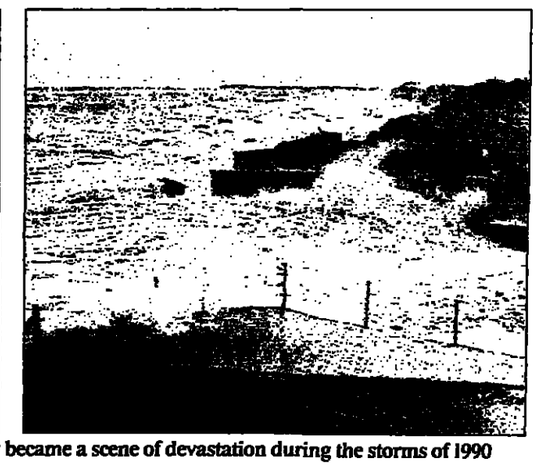
Beetham is one of a number of RAF men who are or have been part of what may be one of the most distinguished past and present memberships of any golf club. Four members of the Royal Family have captained the RWNGC, the Duke of Kent having done so 44 years after his father and 50 years after the Prince of Wales, later Edward VIII. Wooden boards above the fireplace in the Smoke Room list all the captains and include Pat Ward Thomas, the distinguished former golf correspondent, the amateur "Laddie" Lucas and Sir Gilbert Scott, who designed the red telephone box.

Last December 4, Cooper feared the worst. "The tide was nine metres, the highest in December," he recalled. "It was such a foul day. I didn't go out at all. It was bitterly cold, raining like hell and the wind was gusting at 50 to 60mph. Fortunately, it was a southerly wind. If it had been a northerly, it could have been curtains."

The next morning, another nine-metre tide rose quietly just after dawn. It reached the foot of the sand hills on the beach, moved into the inlet opposite Scolt Head island at the far end of the course and quickly circled round into Brancaster Staith. Soon the area of marshland that lies to the landward side of the golf course was covered by a silvery grey carpet. But then, as quietly as it had arrived, the sea was gone again, leaving only glinting patches of water on the marshes and little puddles, some no bigger than a handkerchief, on the road that leads down to the beach and the golf club.

Brancaster was safe once again. But for how much longer?





An idyllic setting for the clubhouse on a summer's day became a scene of devastation during the storms of 1990

Easy listening, American-style

Megaphones to Microphones. *World Service, 10.30am.*

Mark Curry ends his series on easy-style American singers with a batch of recordings that, taken together, make an unanswerable case for the popular song to be officially acknowledged as one of the most accessible of relaxation therapies. The vocalists who exert a remarkable calming effect on us this morning include Frank Sinatra perching on his bar-stool as he knocks back "One for the Road", Elvis Presley wondering whether his beloved is lonesome tonight, and Bing Crosby almost, but not quite, giving Dooley Wilson a lesson in how, effortlessly, to squeeze even more meaning out of the lyrics of "As Time Goes By" from *Casablanca*.

It's Your Radio 2. *Radio 2, 7.00pm.*

Over the years, I have done my fair share of proselytising on behalf of Radio 2. If it were a limited company and not a radio network, I could perhaps have been accused of sounding like a shareholder. So be it. For sheer entertainment, and for all its imperfections, the network is second to none. But it has its detractors, and there is no doubt we will be hearing from them in tonight's question-and-answer forum from the Fairfield Halls in Croydon. Frances Line, Radio 2's dynamic controller, is one of the panellists who will face the invited audience. The others are David Vercoe, the network's managing editor, and Stella Hanson, production group leader for live music and the arts. It should make provocative listening.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo including Mark Kermode's film review **12.00** Lynn Parsons with the Lunchtime Show, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel: featuring Italian guitar, five-piece Uzieda, and Asian rap from Yorkshire's Det-ri-mental **1.00am** Mark Tonderai

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **8.45** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, incl at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart, with the Accumulator Quiz final **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** It's Your Radio 2: See Choice **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Ronnie Price at the piano **9.00** Listen to the Band: highlights of the Brass in Concert championships held at Spennymoor, Co Durham **10.00** Tony Stavseare with the Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, incl at 10.35 Euronews **11.00** News; Chain Reaction looks at science and technology **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck with Liz Barclay **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, including at 7.20 sport **7.35** The Friday Match **9.35** Now the Good News **10.05** Stop Press, with John Diamond **10.35** Financial Week, presented by Heather Payton **11.00** Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours, with Richard Evans **2.05** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** *Treasure Island* **7.30** Dead Man's Chest **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Global Concerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sports **10.00** News **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** Megaphones to Microphones: See Choice **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.30** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Dead Man's Chest **12.45** Sports **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** *Treasure Island* **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** People and Politics **10.45** Sports **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** News **12.15** Family Affair **12.30** From the Weeklies **12.45** Learning World **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Worldbrief **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.15** Sports **3.30** Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict with Robert Cowen and Keith Shadwick **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyte **10.00** N.J. Williams **2.00-6.00am** Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

5.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Praetorius (Der Tag vertreibt die finster Nacht!); François Couperin (Ninth concert, Ritratto dell'Amore); Franck (Prelude, Chorale and Fugue); J. Strauss, father (Radetzky March); Massenet (Que mes soueurs sont heureuses, Cendrillon); Haydn (String Quartet in E flat, Op 20 No 1)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Telemann
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Piers Burton-Page. Brahms (Hungarian Dances Nos 17-21); Copland (Suite, Appalachian Spring); Britten (The Prodigal Son, excerpt); **11.15** Mateo Flecha (Ensalada La Guerra); Ravel (La Valse); Boris Blacher (Variations on a theme of Paganini)
12.00 Voices (r)
1.00pm News; Mendelssohn Plus: Rivka Gloani, viola, John Lenehan, piano, play Mendelssohn (Viola Sonata in C minor); Brahms (Viola Sonata in E flat, Op 12, No 2)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: John Toal introduces the Ulster Youth Orchestra under En Shao. Stephen Gardiner (Prana); Respighi (Fontane di Rome), Mahler (Symphony No 1)
3.30 Richard McMahon, piano, plays Bartók (Six Dances in Bulgarian Rhythm, Mikrokosmos); Jeffrey Lewis (Trilogy); Liszt (Three Concert Studies, S144)
4.20 Songs of Travel: A final journey through the life and work of R.L. Stevenson
4.30 Song of the Soilbearers: Lullabies and folk-songs from different regions of Vietnam, sung by Bach Yen and Tran Quang Hau
5.00 The Music Machine, with Brian Beattie
5.15 In Tune, presented by Natalie Wheen
7.30 An American Christmas, live from St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, London. Margaret Phillips, organ, the BBC Singers and the New London Orchestra under Simon Joly perform a selection of American Christmas music; **8.15** Star-Spangled Singers. The American conductor Robert Zeigler talks about the American choral tradition; **8.35** *An American Christmas* continues
9.20 Invisible Cities: Italo Calvino's *Invisible Cities*
9.35 Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra under Riccardo Muti performs Dvořák (Symphony No 8 in G)
10.15 Bright is the Ring: Poems by Robert Louis Stevenson as set by Vaughan Williams in his song-cycle, *Songs of Travel* (r)
10.45 Friday Feature: Tusitala — The First Modernist. Julian Evans asks whether R.L. Stevenson was merely a superb children's writer
11.30-12.30am Midnight Oil: Rolf Hind, piano, plays David Sawyer (The Melancholy of Departure); Vic Hoyland (The Other Side of the Air); and the ensemble Exposé under Roger Redgate performs Clarence Barlow (Im Januar am Nil)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Lord Ashley (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 News; One Born Every Minute (FM only): Jez Nelson meets members of Britain's first Consensus Committee, as he begins a new series on the role of volunteers in science
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Hindu Scriptures (LW only): The Battle of Kurukshetra. Stories from the Hindu tradition (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Sylvia Horn celebrates 75 years of the Women's Engineering Society incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme, presented by Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Kidnapped. Third of a four-part dramatisation by Catherine Czerkawska of R.L. Stevenson's classic novel of adventure and friendship. With David Rintoul (r)
3.00 News; Anderson Country
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Louisa Buck reviews a new production of *The Threepenny Opera*
4.45 Short Story: Final Payments, by D.J. Taylor (r)
5.00 PM, with Hugh Sykes and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: David Stafford reminisces with bikers at the Ace Cafe
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Christopher Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a discussion in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, between Humphrey Carpenter, author and broadcaster; Ian Hay Davison, chairman of the Storehouse group; Sir Peter Parker, former chairman of British Rail; Ann Leslie, journalist; and former hostage Terry Waite
8.50 Ninety Not Out: Ned Sherrin in conversation with well-known nonagenarians
9.15 Letter from America
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: The reality behind a regional theatre's big Christmas show (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Brazzaville Beach. Fiona Shaw reads the fifth of a ten-part adaptation of William Boyd's story
11.00 Week Ending, with Sally Grace, Toby Longworth, Brian Bowles and Sarah Parkinson
11.25 Tea Junction: Patrick Hannan and his guests take a sceptical look at the week's events
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43 News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

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Davies starts with course-record 64

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

LAURA DAVIES, the British golfer, shot a nine-under-par 64, a course record, yesterday to hold a three-stroke lead after the first round of the Alpine Australian Ladies' Masters at the Gold Coast.

Davies, defending her title, produced five birdies in her opening nine holes and ended her round with four birdies in succession. Her total was one shot off a career best of ten under and kept her on course to become the first player, male or female, to win tournaments on five tours in a calendar year.

This year she has won three times in the United States, twice in Europe and once each on the Asian and Japanese tours.

"The fairways are hard and the ball is running if you drive it well, so there are plenty of birdie opportunities on this course," Davies said. "The greens are probably the best I have played on all year, and we play on some great greens in the United States."

She held a three-stroke advantage over Corinne Dibnah and Karrie Webb, of Australia, Dale Reid, of Scotland, and Jan Higgins, of New Zealand.

Davies, 31, the leading money-winner on the US LPGA Tour this season, said she would not get carried away by her excellent start or give much weight to the possibility of improving on the tournament-winning world record of 20 under par, which she shares with three players, Nancy Lopez, Beth Daniel and Reid.

"It is nice to shoot low scores, but what really counts is winning the tournament," she said.

Dibnah, who has never won a tournament in her home-land, chipped in for an eagle at the fourth and had five birdies and a bogey in her round of 67.

"I am pleased with the way I'm hitting it, but what can you say about Laura?" Dibnah said. "The way she is hitting it, she is capable of absolutely anything. It is just up to the rest of us to hang in there and play our own games. A lot can happen with three days remaining."

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (Aus unless stated). 64: L Davies (GB). 67: C Dibnah, J Higgins (NZ), D Reid (GB), K Webb. 68: K Lunn, A Nicholas (GB). 69: T Hanson (US), L Garbacz (US), K Marshall (GB), J Cratter, A Soranstam (Swe), M Morris (US), P Meunier (Fr). 70: J Mills, A Fruhwirth (US), C Rasmussen (Den), K Cathrein (US), F Fehlauer (Ger), S Gautrey. Other British: 72: C Hall. 74: K Douglas.

Cheng too clever for Gatien

THE world champion, Jean-Philippe Gatien, was beaten in his opening group match at the World Cup table tennis tournament in Taipei yesterday, but he could still qualify for the next round.

Cheng Yinghua, of the United States, ranked No 36 in the world, prevailed 19-21, 21-16, 24-22, but the Frenchman won his second match and could reach the quarter-finals if he wins his match today.

"I played hard and fast but he was blocking everything," Gatien said. "I didn't play cleverly enough." In his second match, Gatien overcame Wu Wen-chia, of Taiwan, 13-21, 21-16, 21-18.

In another first-round upset, Chiang Peng-lung, of Taiwan, defeated the world No 8, Peter Karlsson, of Sweden, 22-20, 14-21, 21-13.

☐ Peter Karlsson will head a strong Swedish challenge for the English Open men's singles title at the Thornaby Pavilion, Stockton-on-Tees, from January 4 to 8. Karlsson will be seeded to meet his compatriot, Jorgen Persson, the 1991 world champion, in the final.

Hendry aims to dominate

FROM PHIL YATES IN ANTWERP

STEPHEN HENDRY disagrees with his long-standing rival, Steve Davis, who maintains that it is now impossible for a single player to dominate the snooker circuit as Davis did throughout the 1980s.

Hendry was in confident mood after beating Willie Thorne 5-2 to reach the semi-finals of the European Open here yesterday.

The Scot, so impressive during his successful United Kingdom championship campaign last month, believes he is capable of winning at least three world-ranking tournaments each season. "I think I'm good enough to dominate the scene. Davis has said that capturing one title a year is an achievement for anyone these days but I don't agree. If I get on a roll there's a snowball effect and I become very difficult to beat," Hendry said.

Hendry, who is attempting to win the fiftieth event of his nine-year professional career, compiled a record 12 century breaks during his UK championship triumph, yet he has failed to register one in this tournament.

Against Thorne, however, Hendry's superior scoring power remained decisive. Thorne, who has prevailed on five of his previous 15 meetings with the defending European champion, did not convert the majority of his break-building opportunities. Hendry did.

Thorne, the world No 15, began encouragingly. A last-red to pink clearance earned him the first frame and when he won the third for a 2-1 lead, a surprise outcome appeared a possibility.

Hendry's response in the fourth frame was an 88 break, consisting of 11 reds with 11 blacks. In fact, a maximum 147 was available but, with his cueing slightly hampered and being forced to employ the rest, Hendry missed the twelfth red.

The fifth frame broke Thorne's resistance. Trailing 28-36, after earlier missing a straightforward pink, he saw a simple red stick in the jaws of the middle pocket when nicely positioned. Hendry took the lead for the first time at 3-2 with the 30 clearance to blue that resulted.

Hendry accounted for what turned out to be the closing two frames with runs of 71 and 74 and now meets Dave Harold or Ronnie O'Sullivan over the best of 11 frames tonight for a place in the final.

"The match wasn't of the highest standard but it's just as important to win the low-quality ones," Hendry said. Were the Scot to win the event, Davis would need to win the next two ranking tournaments — the Regal Welsh Open and the International Open — and for Hendry to lose in the first round in order to close the gap in the provisional rankings.

In the bottom half of the draw, John Parrott, the European Open champion in 1989 and 1990, is favourite to reach the final. Parrott, given an injection of self-belief with his victory in the recent Rothmans Malta Grand Prix, meets Nigel Bond, in the other semi-final after beating Terry Griffiths 5-2 on Wednesday night.



Hendry: impressive

RESULT: Quarter-finals: S Hendry (Scot) bt W Thorne (Eng) 5-2.

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Convenient for heaven and the West End

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

It is odd to think of East Grinstead as a type of Mecca. People with prayer mats and worried expressions rarely yell at you "Which way to East Grinstead? Quick!" But Channel 4's *Witness* last night made a pretty good case for this unlikely spiritual centre. **Why East Grinstead?** was the title, and it revealed that the place was packed rigid with Christians, pagans, Mormons and Scientologists, all finding spiritual succour in a place that *is* otherwise a byword for commuter-land death-in-life. Why oh why oh why East Grinstead? Perhaps, mundanely, it's the regular trains to Victoria. Even pagans fancy a trip to *Cats*.

"Wherefore Alan Ayckbourn?" I kept thinking, just to complicate matters. At the end of each segment of *Why East Grinstead?*, disclosing yet more loony cults, Ayckbourn would explain to the camera in humble, unrehearsed words that there was a struggle in all people for a higher meaning — which was all right, but a bit confusing, because Alan Ayckbourn lives in Scarborough, surely. Perhaps the film was hesitating towards the idea that spirituality and Volvo ownership are more compatible than we tend to suppose. *Why East Grinstead?* left you with few conclusions. But it did make you wonder about things — such as, whether anybody attends these churches; whether house prices reflect the density of evangelists ringing doorbells during *EastEnders*.

Beautifully photographed in rich colour, the main substance of the film concerned the dowsers in the field, the pagans with their rocks, the nuns at their convent. East Grinstead in the distance, its parish church conspicuous in the centre, twinkled like a model village. A map would have been useful, showing the territories of these rival religions, (do Rosicrucians challenge Scientologists to gang fights in Sainsbury's car park?), but broadcasters generally don't encourage dependence on maps, in fact they are rather strict about it. Anyway, the massive Mormon temple, shaped like a white tomb with a dark steeple (like Battersea Power Station with one leg), squatted in the background while top Mormons talked bright-eyed about their training centre. Spookily, these Latter Day Saints were accoutred entirely in white — white tie, shirt, jacket, frock — a bit like ghosts. Fans of *Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)* may have received a nasty turn.

Ever since Monty Python did their sketch about deprivation nostalgia ("You lived 19 to a shoebox? Luxury!"), comedians have done variants of it with small success. Last night's **Get Up, Stand Up** (Channel 4), however, had the idea of casting the debate in terms of racial violence. I know it doesn't sound funny, but it was. Four black men with bad Yorkshire accents did the sketch with gusto. "We used to *dream* of being strung up by our fingernails. On Fridays the local police would kick our door down and set fire to our Gran — *if we were lucky*." "My father used to say sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never harm me." "What happened to him?" "He was beaten to death with a stick."

Get Up, Stand Up is good humoured comedy — old-fashioned sketches mixed with recognition-gags, with the best jokes arising out of situations that are better recognised by a black person than a white. A black man takes his Mercedes to the car showroom where he bought it, and begs to have his old Escort back. "Three times this week, I haven't been able to get home." The salesman takes him for a spin in the Merc; he can't see the trouble. "Pull over," says the customer. They pull over, get out, and switch places. Leaning forward in the driver's seat, the customer turns the key in the ignition, and nee-naw, nee-naw, a police car screeches to a halt alongside, out of nowhere.

There are some weak strands, but in sketch shows there usually are. A spoof *Oprah* with Angie Le Mar is obvious and second-rate; and the black Sherlock Holmes sketches are juvenile; but the dreadlocked Chris Tummings is a lovely stand-up act, and Malcolm Frederick's silly Moses and the Burning Bush is developing nicely. (Moses has persuaded the Lord to drop the commandment "Thou shalt not eat wool".)

In Wednesday morning's review I may have given away more about **Finney** (ITV) than I ought, and I apologise. My excuse was that I had watched Thursday's tape in advance, and what with the excitement of Christmas and everything, well, you know. John Woodvine's extraordinary transformation from thunderous hood to religious loony *in bicycle helmet* should, of course, have come as a wonderful comic surprise to *Finney*'s viewers, who I sincerely hope are many. *Finney* is full of such surprises. In fact, whenever you think "This plot will start freewheeling now", you learn something new that makes you rethink everything that's happened.

A tiny tape cassette, for example, looked like a classic meaningless "McGuffin" — people were killed for it, everyone wanted it, the viewer knew who'd got it — a bit like the "letters of transit" in *Casablanca*, or the microdot in *Torn Curtain*. But last night, the slow-burning Finney (David Morrissey) finally recovered the tape and played it, and its contents were genuinely astounding. We always knew it was a recording of his father's death, but we had no idea Finney's weak little brother Tom (Andy Serkis) had connived at the murder. He watched Tucker bleed to death in his car! It was all on tape! Things are all set for a ghastly show-down. Watch out, Tom, your bitch-sister Lena will kill you back for that! Wow, is this family dysfunctional, or what?

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (46697)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (29854697)

9.05 Kilroy (s) (8860158)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9926790) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick**. Weekday magazine (s) (46885887)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4436531) **12.05 Pebble Mill**. A special celebrating the life and career of Sir John Mills (s) (6277158) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (14428332)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (40852)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (35601974) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** (35605790)

2.15 Holiday. Reports from Phuket, Venice, a life-saving course in the South of France and Argyll (r). (Ceefax) (s) (197581) **2.45 The Flying Doctors**. Australian medical drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (6309852)

3.30 Cartoons (2910429) **3.45 TVK**. The team answer young people's queries (s) (2835784) **4.00 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (5029790) **4.05 Get Your Own Back**. Slapstick game show (s) (4022413) **4.35 Record Breakers** presented by Cheryl Baker, Kriss Akabusi and Mark Curry. (Ceefax) (s) (8230332)

5.00 Newsround (3856806) **5.10 Byker Grove**. Children's drama. (Ceefax) (s) (8323351)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (389326)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (535)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (887)

7.00 The World's Strongest Man. Feats of strength in Sun City. (Ceefax) (8535)

7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes a report on the scientists trying to save France's wild bears from extinction. (Ceefax) (s) (871)

8.00 Good Fortune! More members of the public receive unexpected windfalls. (Ceefax) (s) (462581) **8.50 TV Heroes**. Danny Baker in praise of Johnny Morris (r). (Ceefax) (270210)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6158)

9.30 Harry Enfield and Chums. Comedy sketches. (Ceefax) (s) (25448). **Northern Ireland:** Anderson on the Box 10.25 Harry Enfield 10.55 Film: The Morning After 12.40am-1.20 Showjumping



Jane Fonda in a murder mystery (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: The Morning After (1986) starring Jane Fonda and Jeff Bridges. A drama about an actress who takes to drink after her career starts to slide. After one particular bender she wakes up in a strange room next to an unknown man with a knife in his heart. Directed by Sidney Lumet. (Ceefax) (353887). **Wales:** Between Ourselves 10.30 Film: The Morning After 12.10am Showjumping 12.50-2.30 Film: The Serpent and the Rainbow

11.40 International Showjumping from Olympia (855264)

12.20am FILM: The Serpent and the Rainbow (1987) starring Bill Pullman and Cathy Tyson. Voodoo horror set in pre-revolutionary Haiti. Directed by Wes Craven. (Ceefax) (568727)

1.55 Weather (3842949)

BBC2

7.00 Tales Of the Tooth Fairies (r) (4107245) **7.05 Funnybones** (r) (s) (4106516) **7.10 Toxic Crusaders** (r). (Ceefax) (9082500) **7.30 Blue Peter** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (31158)

8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (9539974) **8.15 The Record** (4854210)

8.35 Discovering Animals (r) (9626887) **9.00 Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga** (r) (7098806) **9.10 Crawshaw Paints on Holiday** (8268055) **9.35 The Way Of the Lakes** (r) (6601142) **10.00 Playdays** (s) (5217264)

10.25 FILM: Caesar and Cleopatra (1946) starring Vivien Leigh. Directed by Gabriel Pascal (70686595)

12.30 Working Lunch (30326) **1.00 Fingermouse** (r) (44010500) **1.15 The Rich Traditions**. (53513622) **1.40 Making Tracks** (r) (80045603)

2.10 Sport on Friday featuring Golf; and International Showjumping (s) (327790) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4898413)

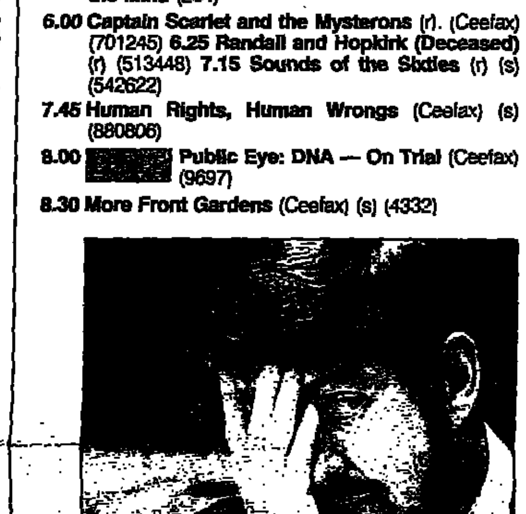
4.00 Today's the Day (s) (500) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (784) **5.00 Esther** (s) (3413) **5.30 All in the Mind** (264)

6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (r). (Ceefax) (701245) **6.25 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)** (r) (513448) **7.15 Sounds of the Sixties** (r) (s) (542622)

7.45 Human Rights, Human Wrongs (Ceefax) (s) (880806)

8.00 [CHOICE] **Public Eye: DNA — On Trial** (Ceefax) (9697)

8.30 More Front Gardens (Ceefax) (s) (4332)



Procurator Fiscal Neil Allan (9.00pm)

9.00 [CHOICE] **The Trial: Sad, Bad and Mad.** (Ceefax) (274429)

9.50 Funky Black Shorts: Home and Away (r). (Ceefax) (s) (939332)

10.00 Have I Got News For You (s) (87790)

10.30 Newsnight. John Simpson investigates the reasons for the revolution of five years ago that toppled President Ceausescu (Ceefax) (279055)

11.15 [NEW] **Fantasy Football** with Alan Hansen and Patsy Kensit (800158). **Wales:** Welsh Lobby 11.45 Fantasy Football 12.15am Larry Sanders Show 12.40am Human Rights 1.00 The Fugitive 1.50-3.30 Film: No Man of Her Own

11.45 The Larry Sanders Show (Ceefax) (s) (809429)

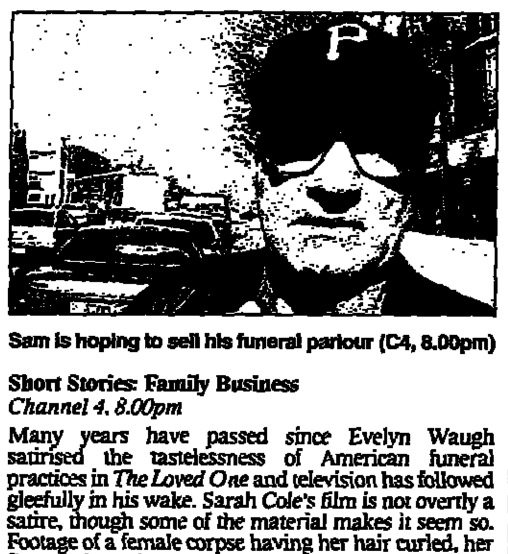
12.15am Human Rights, Human Wrongs (1132307) **12.30 Weather** (6205543)

12.35 The Fugitive (b/w) (7335833)

1.25 FILM: No Man of Her Own (1950, b/w) starring Barbara Stanwyck. Mistaken identity drama directed by Mitchell Leisen (804307). Ends at **3.05**

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CHOICE



Sam is hoping to sell his funeral parlour (C4, 8.00pm)

Short Stories: Family Business
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Many years have passed since Evelyn Waugh satirised the tastelessness of American funeral practices in *The Loved One* and television has followed gleefully in his wake. Sarah Cole's film is not overtly a satire, though some of the material makes it seem so. Footage of a female corpse having her hair curled, her fingernails painted and rosary beads placed in her hands, has a particularly gruesome humour. The Monti funeral parlour in Philadelphia is run by an Italian immigrant family. Old Nino came over from Sicily in 1920, worked on the docks and put by enough money to launch his son, Sam. But Sam has only daughters, and none wants to take over the business. If anybody is interested, Sam is looking at $800,000.

Tim Allen Rewires America
Channel 4, 10.30pm

The star of the sit-com *Home Improvement* returns to his other job of stand-up comic. Tim Allen is a truculent, combative performer who likes to get his customers going. The audience at the Power Center in Michigan needs little prompting. Almost every utterance, funny or not, is received with squeals of approval. So much so that you wonder whether the laughter was added afterwards. Perish the thought. Since Allen's subject is men, celebrated to chauvinist excess, he is taking a chance. Perhaps the female part of the audience think he is being ironic. Certainly their approval is no less warm. Allen can even raise a unisex guffaw with jokes about burping and breaking wind, which gives a fair idea of the tone of the show.

The Trial: Sad, Bad and Mad
BBC2, 9.00pm

The final report from the Scottish legal system features the ragbag of lesser cases, more than 90 per cent of the total, that do not go further than the Sheriff's Court. The spotlight is not so much on the villains as the fiscals, the solicitors who have the job of processing the cases and prosecuting them in court. With eight to nine cases due to be heard in one day, anything from an assault to an argument over the price of a kebab, it is a hectic schedule. A huge workload and a limited budget means that not all the edges can be smoothed. It reminds the fiscal Neil Allan of the scene in *M*A*S*H* where the doctor is told to drop fancy hospital surgery in favour of meatball surgery. Allan reckons they are having to dispense meatball justice.

Public Eye: DNA — On Trial
BBC2, 8.00pm

Genetic or DNA fingerprinting was hailed as one of the forensic science triumphs of the 1980s. Now doubts are starting to set in. Experts say that DNA matches are not unique, as has been claimed, and that their use as evidence in court has been disturbingly inaccurate. Because of faulty DNA evidence two rape convictions in England have been quashed and sent for retrial and lawyers for a convicted rapist in Scotland are also preparing to challenge the DNA findings. Under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act the police have new powers to take samples for DNA testing from anyone suspected of a crime. The test results will be kept on a national database. The film suggests we should be worried.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON/LWT

6.00 GMTV (6044264)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (8347516) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5121413)

10.00 The Time... The Place. John Stapleton chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (7369790)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine series (56222332) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8036595)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (8128177)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (8030968) **1.25 Home and Away**. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (53424784)

1.55 The Chrystal Rose Show. Discussion series (s) (80965413) **2.25 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (92235993) **2.50 Take the High Road**. Highland drama series (9839345)

3.20 ITN News headlines. (Teletext) (6696993) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6695264)

3.30 The Magic House (r) (s) (2832697) **3.45 Scooby Doo**. A new series of the cartoon adventures (283332) **4.15 Taz-Mania** (s) (5617413) **4.40 Virtually Impossible**. Virtual reality computer game show (s) (8316790)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating. (Teletext) (2198036)

5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (717790)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (625871)

6.25 London Tonight presented by Lindsay Charlton and Fiona Foster (Teletext) (711999)

7.00 Catchphrase. Game show hosted by Roy Walker (3603)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (239)

8.00 The Bill: Throw Away the Key. When Deakin bends the custody rules Boyden lands in hot water. (Teletext) (2351)



George Gaynes, Steve Guttenberg (8.30pm)

8.30 FILM: Police Academy III — Back In Training (1986) starring Steve Guttenberg, Bubba Smith, David Graf and George Gaynes. Another dose of slapstick comedy as the incompetent cops rally round to save their Academy from closure. Directed by Jerry Paris. (Teletext) (93326)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (81516)

10.30 Crime Monthly. Penny Smith appeals for clues to unsloved crime in the London area (41326)

11.30 London Tonight (Telketext) and weather (592413)

11.35 Bruce Eats the Blue Grass State. Bruce Burgess samples the food of Kentucky (132210)

12.30am Whale On. Entertainment, music and discussion (s) (20833)

1.30 Londoners. Capital residents on the pleasures and pains of living in London (84833)

2.30 The Chart Show (s) (56524)

3.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (50562)

4.00 Noisy Mothers. Rock and heavy metal music magazine (s) (24949)

5.00 Best Of British Motor Sport (69630)

5.30 ITN Morning News (59104). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (7146697)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (36603)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (91993).

9.30 FILM: Santa Fe Trail (1940, b/w) starring Errol Flynn, Raymond Massey, Olivia de Havilland and, as General Custer, Ronald Reagan. Western drama about a group of West Point graduates who set out to end the career of the abolitionist John Brown. Directed by Michael Curtiz (92697)

11.30 Profiles of Nature: Animal Aliens. Tom Sterling goes in search of animals that have been transplanted from their native habitat to North America (r) (75581)

12.30 Sesame Street (55852)

1.30 Basil Hears a Noise (20993)

2.00 FILM: The Admirable Crichton (1957, b/w) starring Kenneth More, Cecil Parker, Diane Cilento and Sally Ann Howes. Screen version of the J.M. Barrie comedy stage play about a butler who takes charge when he and his aristocrat employer and family are shipwrecked on a desert island. Directed by Lewis Gilbert. (Teletext) (997662)

3.45 The Ball of Wool. Puppet animation directed by Nikolai Serebryakov (2924622)

4.00 Travelog. Ireland (r) (Teletext) (s) (968)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (852)

5.00 Belfast Lessons: Inside the Peace Process. A documentary compilation of highlights from the daily reports made by students of Hazelwood College during the past three months (2036)

6.00 Blossom (r). (Teletext) (s) (245)

6.30 Moviewatch. Cinema magazine (s) (697)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (987429)

7.50 You Don't Know Me But... Brian Sewell welcomes The Three Graces (365069)

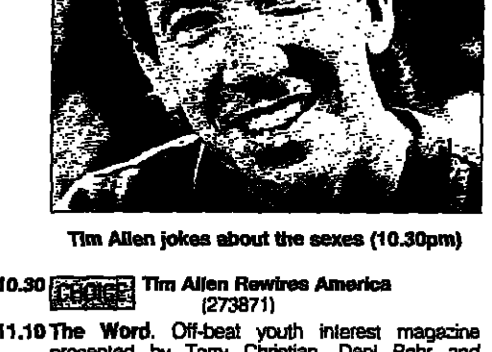
8.00 [CHOICE] **Short Stories: Family Business.** (Teletext) (7103)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (6500)

9.00 Ellen. American comedy series starring Ellen DeGeneres. (Teletext) (s) (6968)

9.30 Cheers (r) (Teletext) (18158)

10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (89158)



Tim Allen jokes about the sexes (10.30pm)

10.30 [CHOICE] **Tim Allen Rewires America** (273871)

11.10 The Word. Off-beat youth interest magazine presented by Terry Christian, Dani Behr and Jasmine Dottiwala (s) (894158)

12.15am FILM: Tetsuo (1989, b/w) starring Tomoroh Taguchi. An unusual tale of a Japanese metal fetishist who, while having metal inserted into his flesh, finds himself turning into a living machine. Directed by Shinya Tsukamoto. In Japanese with English subtitles (3240185)

1.25 FILM: The Anniversary (1967) starring Bette Davis as the ageing widow who makes life hell for her three sons when they gather to celebrate her wedding anniversary. With Jack Hedley, James Cossins and Christian Roberts. Directed by Roy Ward Baker (793727). Ends **3.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (5121413) **12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News** (8036595) **1.55** The Young Doctors (35606429) **2.20** Heaven and Home (92227974) **2.50-3.20** Good Advice (9839345) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (6695264) **5.10-5.40** Weekend (2198036) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (711999) **10.30** Anglia News (832603) **10.40** Bonnie and Clyde (86587784) **12.40am** The Oblong Box (464562) **2.20** Whale On (7870814) **3.15** Noisy Mothers (7763253) **4.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (11319982) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (7978659)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (35606429) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (1370852) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (2198036) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (711999) **10.40** Central Weekend (5183697) **12.10am** Whale On (2026272) **1.10** The Big E (3712494) **2.05** Noisy Mothers (5137814) **3.05** Jobfinder (8843891) **5.00-5.30** Asian Eye (69830)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (8030968) **1.25** Home and Away (27371332) **1.50** Poor Little Rich Girl (2213245) **2.50-3.20** Gardeners' Diary (9839345) **5.10-5.40** Take the High Road (2198036) **6.25** Granada Tonight (897516) **6.50** Kick Off (650332) **7.00-7.30** Catchphrase (3603) **10.40** Live and Direct (749719) **11.40** Love and War (718719) **12.05am** Coach (7314949) **12.40** The Oblong Box (464562) **2.20** Whale On (7870814) **3.15** Noisy Mothers (7763253) **4.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (11319982) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (7978659)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 Take the High Road (80965413) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (3791871) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2198036) **5.55** Home and Away (378210) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (711999) **10.40** Wait Until Dark (86587784) **12.40am** The Oblong Box (464562) **2.20** Whale On (7870814) **3.15** Noisy Mothers (7763253) **4.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (11319982) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (7978659)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (711999) **10.40** The Mal Pope Show (749719) **11.40-12.40pm** Father Dowling Investigates (861210)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian ... **12.30** Meridian News and Weather (8036595) **1.55** A Country Practice (35606429) **2.20** Take the High Road (92227974) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9839345) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6695264) **5.10** Home and Away (2198036) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Your Story (359326) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (35871) **10.00** News at Ten; Weather (81516) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (832603) **10.40** Sit-Time (922023) **11.10** My Brother's Wife (908871) **1.00am** Whale On (28017) **2.00** Noisy Mothers (68369) **3.00** The New Music (74456) **4.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (48727) **4.30** America's Top Ten (60611) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (69630)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (5121413) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (2731103) **12.25-12.30** My Story for Christmas (3181644) **1.55** Wish You Were Here (80965413) **2.25-2.55** Gardeners' Diary (92222245) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (6695264) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2198036) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (35871) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (832603) **10.40** The Tenth Man (86587784) **12.40am** The Oblong Box (464562) **2.20** Whale On (7870814) **3.15** Noisy Mothers (7763253) **4.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (11319982) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (7978659)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (35606429) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (3881448) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2198036) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (331582) **6.30-7.00** Cryer's Crackers (555) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (832603) **10.40** Wet Wet Wet (749719) **11.40** Prince of Darkness (148697) **1.35am** Whale On (9803388) **2.35** The Big E (2865678) **3.30** Guns of the Timberland (352456) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (3642259)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (36603) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (91993) **9.30** Santa Fe Trail (92697) **11.30** Profiles Of Nature (75581) **12.30pm** Slot Meithrin (21622) **1.00** Sesame Street (26177) **2.00** The Snows Of Kilimanjaro (32407697) **4.05** People First (4111351) **4.35** The Playhouse (8150142) **5.00** 5 Pump (8581) **5.30** Fifteen To One (332) **6.00** Newyddion (712871) **6.20** Heno (127790) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1245) **7.30** Pelydr X (581) **8.00** Cein Gwlad (7103) **8.30** Newyddion (6500) **9.00** Pawb A' I Farn (458581) **9.45** Chicken Talk (505784) **10.00** Brookside (89158) **10.30** Tim Allen Rewires America (273871) **11.10** The Word (894158) **12.15am** Tetsuo - The Iron Man (3240185)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (31097500) **8.45** Cartoons (5783697) **9.30** Card Sharks (52516) **10.00** Concentration (1811622) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (7321603) **10.30** Candid Camera (22697) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (84264) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (40239) **12.30pm** E Street (58332) **1.00** Falcon Crest (51697) **2.00** Henry Ford (54581) **3.00** The Dukes of Hazzard (3144448) **3.50** DJ Kat (5429518) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1264) **6.00** Gamesworld (7177) **6.30** Blockbusters (8429) **7.00** E Street (2993) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4413) **8.00** The Andrew Newton Hypnotic Experience (5413) **8.30** Coppers (7448) **9.00** Sightings (60910) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (13697) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (144535) **11.45** Chances (958581) **12.45am** Barney Miller (38291) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (35104)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (7974239) **9.30** Sky Worldwide Report (92968) **10.30** ABC Nightline (20429) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (50448) **2.30** Parliament Live (81061) **3.30** This Week in the Lords (9535) **5.00** Live at Five (7968516) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (16444697) **9.30** Financial Times Reports (61210) **11.30** CBS News (53806) **12.30am** ABC News (7303388) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn (7817678) **2.30** Parliament Replay (78833) **3.30** This Week in the Lords (80678) **4.30** CBS News (67678) **5.30-6.00** ABC News

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (6457158) **10.00 The Dove** (1974) (87448) **12.00 The Perfectionist** (1986) (990535) **1.40pm Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines** (1965) (97870790) **4.00 Bushfire Moon** (1987) (3528) **6.00 Citizen Kane** (1941) (17413) **8.00 Friends** (1992) (38822719) **9.40** US Top Ten (126806) **10.00 Kickboxer** (1989) (842158) **11.45 Bruce the Superhero** (1984) (658784) **1.20am Wild Orchid 2** (1991) (336814) **3.05 Grave Secrets: The Legacy of Hilltop Drive** (1992) (9585678) **4.35-6.00 The Perfectionist** (1986): As noon (3850348)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Appaloosa (1966) (86581) **8.00-12.00 A Bridge Too Far** (1977) (7818413)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Thunder in the Sun (1959) (6025871) **7.25 Peter Pan: Cartoon** (1142887) **8.20 Prancer** (1989) (57570719) ... **12.00 Last Holiday** (1950) (621993) **1.45pm Can-Can** (1960) (32958652) **4.00 Prancer** (1989): As 8.20am (60586325) **5.50 Lifeline to Victory** (1993) (86518516) **7.30 The Movie Show** (3351) **8.00 Gunsmoke V: One Man's Justice** (1993) (10500) **10.00 Basic Instinct** (1991) (13625245) **12.10am The Player** (1992) (85234291) **2.15 The Secret Passion of Robert Clayton** (1992) (780530) **3.45-5.30 Fools of Fortune** (1990) (33070949)

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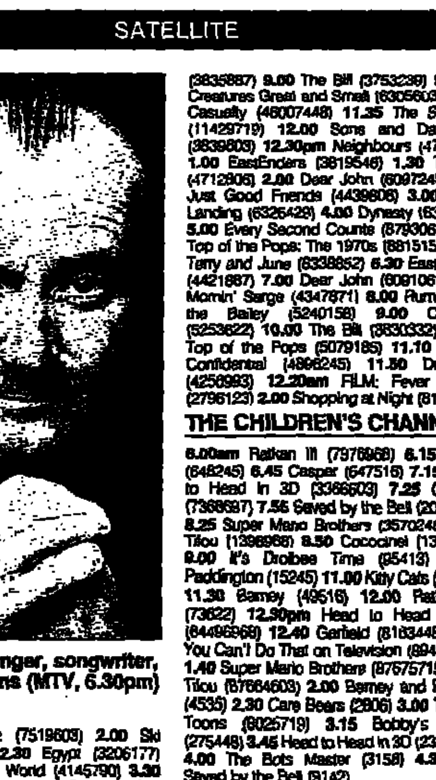
SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (4358719) **7.15** WWF Action Zone (522413) **8.15** Soccer News (7255429) **8.30** Rugby Union (35448) **9.00** Rugby (46500) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (72413) **10.00** Extreme (17516) **11.00** Motorsports — Opposite Lock (24852) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (39264) **12.30pm** Rugby Club (18087) **1.30** Snowboard Tour (75500) **2.00** Pool (847332) **5.00** NBA Action (3887) **5.30** Soccer Magazine (4822) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (84448) **7.00** Boots 'n' All (58784) **8.00** NBA Basketball (41448) **10.00** Boxing: WBA Lightweight title. Nazarov v Gamashe (46177) **11.30** Soccer Weekend (96326) **12.30am** Soccer Magazine (10253) **1.00** Boots 'n' All (43340) **2.00-3.00** Boxing (34727)

SKY SPORTS 2
8.00am World Sport (3207806) **8.30** Cycling (3298158) **7.00** Pool (9809603) **11.00** Cycling (9506264) **11.30-12.00** World Sport (4417974)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (33500) **8.00** Eurofun (21245) **8.30** Snowboarding (20516) **9.00** Freestyle Skiing (37429) **10.00** Dancing (39784) **11.00** Figure Skating (30177) **1.00pm** Adventure (66852) **2.00** Football (44535) **4.00** Motorsports (26697) **5.00** Truck Racing (5055) **5.30** Formula One (64852) **6.30** News (4055) **7.00** Live Golf (14429) **9.00** Boxing (45264) **10.00** Wrestling (48351) **11.00** Combat Sports (30413) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (45949)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (1958516) **8.30** Peyton Place (1957887) **9.00** As the World Turns (8122806) **10.00** Guiding Light (8131968) **11.00-12.00** Another World (8217332)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Discover Your World (1951803) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (7510332) **1.00** Alaska Video Postcards (8228448) **1.30** ... Cooking in France (7519603) **2.00** Ski Perfect (4060065) **2.30** Egypt (3206177) **3.00** Discover Your World (4145790) **3.30** Mexico (3201622) **4.00** Travel Guide Review (3237429) **4.30** Kids Down Under (3113413) **5.00** Egypt (4157535) **5.30-6.00** Cooking in France (3200993)



Spotlight on singer, songwriter, actor Phil Collins (MTV, 6.30pm)

TLC
9.00am Christmas at Home (3744581) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (4700061) **10.00** No Place Like Home (8841158) **10.30** Only Human (7948697) **11.30** Learning Curve (6240055) **12.00** Are Mothers Really Necessary? (3837245) **12.30pm** Eyewitness Memory (4711177) **1.00** Madeleine Cooks (5619528) **1.30** Christmas at Home (4710448) **2.00** Parents Talking (6095887) **2.30** Discovering Psychology (4437448) **3.00** Gardens Without Borders (6007622) **3.30-4.00** The Secret Life of Machines (4432993)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (2469005) **7.30** Neighbours (8960090) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (3836516) **8.30** EastEnders ... (3835887) **9.00** The Bill (3753239) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (6305603) **10.30** Casualty (46007448) **11.35** The Sullivans (11429719) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (3839803) **12.30pm** Neighbours (4713535) **1.00** EastEnders (3819546) **1.30** The Bill (4712806) **2.00** Dear John (6097245) **2.30** Just Good Friends (4439806) **3.00** Knots Landing (6326429) **4.00** Dynasty (6338264) **5.00** Every Second Counts (8793061) **5.35** Top of the Pops: The 1970s (8815158) **5.55** Terry and June (6338852) **6.30** EastEnders (4421887) **7.00** Dear John (6091061) **7.30** Mornin' Sarge (4347871) **8.00** Rumpole of the Bailey (5240158) **9.00** Casualty (5253622) **10.00** The Bill (3830332) **10.30** Top of the Pops (5079185) **11.10** Carrott Confidential (4896245) **11.50** Dr Who (4256993) **12.20am** FILM: Fever (1992) (2796123) **2.00** Shopping at Night (8139562)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan III (7976968) **6.15** Clyde (648245) **6.45** Casper (647516) **7.15** Head to Head In 3D (3366603) **7.25** Garfield (7368697) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (2067968) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (3570245) **8.40** Tilou (1398968) **8.50** Cococinel (1387852) **9.00** It's Drobee Time (95413) **10.00** Paddington (15245) **11.00** Kitty Cats (46887) **11.30** Barney (49516) **12.00** Ratkan III (73622) **12.30pm** Head to Head In 3D (84496968) **12.40** Garfield (8183448) **1.10** You Can't Do That on Television (69432177) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (87675719) **1.50** Tilou (87684603) **2.00** Barney and Friends (4535) **2.30** Care Bears (2806) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (6025719) **3.15** Bobby's World (275448) **3.45** Head to Head In 3D (2319564) **4.00** The Bots Master (3158) **4.30-5.00** Saved by the Bell (9142)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickalive! (4349061) **7.15** Grimmy (913581) **7.45** Rugrats (912852) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (7173871) **8.30** Stimer and the Real Ghostbusters (7558784) **8.45** Nickalive! (7554239) **9.00** Nick Jr (105993) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (37806) **12.30pm** Galaxy High School (74871) **1.00** Doug (26210) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (73142) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (1167) **2.30** Smoggies (8448) **3.00** Nick Faves (6784) **3.30** Killer Tomatoes (3683) **4.00** Best of Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (9500) **4.30** Rugrats (5784) **5.00** Clarissa (1429) **5.30** Doug (2264) **6.00** Grimmy (9177) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark?

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Bush Tucker Man (4348500) **4.30** Wild South (4344784) **5.00** The Power of Dreams (6098974) **6.00** Beyond 2000 ... (5159852) **8.00** Deep Probe Expeditions (5168500) **9.00** The Secrets of Treasure Islands (6325790) **9.30** Animal Hospital (4828413) **10.00** High Five (3839974) **10.30** Ambulance! (3847622) **11.00-12.00** Wings of the Red Star (3810595)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Lord of the Flies (1963) (8658448) **2.00pm** The Avengers (8566413) **3.00** My Three Sons (6001448) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (4436719) **4.00** FILM: The Truth About Women (1958) (6005264) **6.00** The Protectors (4425603) **6.30** Edgar Wallace (4167968) **7.30** Saber of London (4349239) **8.00** The Avengers (5162326) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (5248790) **10.00** FILM: The Alligator People (1959) (14026993) **11.25-12.00** FILM: The Six-Sided Triangle (1964) (4598852)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (2171806) **7.00** Living Magazine (8778516) **8.00** OK2 Talk Feelings (1298968) **8.15** Everyday Yoga (1384719) **8.30** The Truth About Women (2542326) **9.00** Floyd's American Pie (7003326) **9.35** Definition (6960790) **10.00** Trivia Trap (9611993) **10.30** Susan Powter (2628790) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (8607500) **12.00** The Calendar Fashion Show (1228622) **12.35pm** Kilroy (8621177) **1.30** Going to Pot (7548697) **2.00** Agony Hour (9812622) **3.00** Living Magazine (7099974) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (17753822) **4.00** Infatuation UK (5009603) **4.30** Definition (18953500) **4.58** Foodwise (4176622) **5.30** Kate and Allie (5923239) **6.00** Material World (5913852) **6.30** Mr and Mrs (5000332) **7.00** Living Magazine (9455518) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (9464264) **9.00** FILM: Dawn (1979) (13874264) **11.05** Susan Powter (1503087) **11.35-12.00** Infatuation UK (2922326)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Tintin (5887) **5.30** Blade Warriors (77413) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (4887) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (8351) **7.30** The Wonder Years (6041) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (90784) **9.00** Moonlighting (83448) **10.00** Catchphrase (74351) **10.30** Tintin (87871) **11.00** Lou Grant (16974) **12.00** Rhoda (52253) **12.30pm** Big Brother Jake (49291) **1.00** GP (79185) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (64794) **2.00** Moonlighting (74368) **3.00** Lou Grant (80456) **4.00** Rhoda (42123) **4.30-5.00** The Wonder Years (90678)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (95104) **6.30** The Grind (80061) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside ... **11.00** Soul (31239) **12.00** Greatest Hits (57992) **1.00pm** The Best of MTV Snowball (92806) **3.00** Zig and Zag (2500) **3.30** Report (6010577) **3.45** Cinematic (9418722) **4.00** News (6191081) **4.15** 3 from 1 (6018784) **4.30** Dial (1500) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (96245) **6.30** Phil Collins Rockumentary (6245) **7.00** Phil Collins — The Hits (89622) **8.00** Most Wanted (68871) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (69221) **10.00** Report (617806) **10.15** Cinematic (805061) **10.30** News (658245) **10.45** 3 from 1 (571500) **11.00** Party Zone (31413) **1.00am** Soul (10036) **2.00** The Grind (20901) **2.30** Night Videos

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (8227719) **9.00** Café (8536326) **12.00** The Bridge (3589210) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (9019158) **2.30** Heart and Soul (9894326) **3.30** Into the Music (1740595) **6.00** Prime Cuts (7424581) **7.00** For You (7471326) **8.00** Soul (7553974) **9.00** Ten of the Best (7460210) **10.00** Saturday Night Live (1954790) **10.30** Old Grey Whistle Test (1867210) **11.00** Around and Around (8134055) **12.00** The Nightfly (9470185) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (4769562) **3.00** Soul (7107611) **4.00** Ten of the Best (9444494) **5.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE
Country music from 6am to 7pm, including at **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00** Big Ticket

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (57719) **7.00** Asian Morning (77722) **8.30** Bunyaad (68332) **9.00** Hindi FILM (741719) **12.00** Ghar (42068) **1.00pm** New Serial (19968) **2.00** Hindi FILM (658535) **5.00** TVA and You (9413) **5.30-6.00** Bunyaad (2806) **7.00** Zabaan Sambhal Ke (4993) **7.30** Fashion Show (6413) **8.00** News (7413) **8.30** Serial (9448) **9.00** Hindi FILM (492806) **12.00** Asian Morning (813388) **1.35am** Sight and Sound

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm Bedevilled (1955) (52219974) **8.40 The Wrath of God** (1972) (55724429) **11.45 Space Ghost Coast to Coast: Bobcat** (98247351) **12.00 Night of the Lepus** (1972) (83665185) **1.35am Sitting Target** (1972) (85289727) **3.15-5.00 Always In My Heart** (1942) (69949659)

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Beaten England run out of excuses

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN SYDNEY

THE curse of inconsistency that haunts the England cricket team does not apply whenever they play Zimbabwe, but maintaining a 100 per cent losing record against the most junior of Test-playing nations is not quite the prescribed cure for instability.

It is difficult to say that the 13-run World Series Cup defeat yesterday was the low point of this tour. There have been many candidates already, and there is alarming scope for worse to come in games that matter rather more than this. What can be said is that the result will do nothing to alter the scornful opinion of most Australians, that this England team scarcely merits houseroom.

Zimbabwe had lost all four of their previous games in the tournament and played steadily less impressively along the way. Yet they managed their highest total so far before, to their own transparent surprise, defending it with something in hand. But for their own Zimbabwean, Graeme Hick, England would not even have come close.

Hick, however, was one of three run-out victims in a shambolic surrender of six wickets for 23 runs in the last five overs. After winning the only previous meeting, during the 1992 World Cup, Zimbabwe will now be entitled to point out with some smugness that England alone voted against their elevation to Test status two years ago.

There was a culpable listlessness to England's cricket, transmitting the insecurities of a team that no longer expects to win and will shrug its shoulders and await developments rather than making things happen. The defeat will probably cost them a place in the finals next month, in itself no cause for great distress, but the heavier expense is in morale.

Excuses can be offered. This was not a squad chosen for a one-day tournament and it is now so depleted by illness and injuries that simply dispatching 11 men onto the field is becoming more fraught by the day. There ends the plea in mitigation. The evidence for the prosecution is altogether more convincing.

The jury must remain out for now, but the case for believing this to be as woefully weak and purposeless a side as any representing England in recent years may be proved beyond doubt by the two Test matches over Christmas and the new year.

Once the numb shock of this loss has worn off, the priority of the management will be to settle upon a team for those games, but Michael Atherton, the captain, was able to offer no clues when he emerged from the dressing-room. "We have an injury situation the like of which I have never known on a tour," he said.

The developments on that front were all grim: Joey Benjamin's chicken-pox has advanced into shingles, Craig White may now be ruled out for six weeks — effectively, the rest of the tour — by his side strain, and Alec Stewart suffered a back spasm that forced him to bat down the order.

Darren Gough, whose ebullience will be needed as never before in the coming days, returned after hamstring trouble to take five Zimbabwe wickets, and Atherton's face relaxed when he was able to discuss him. It was a welcome upbeat shift from the gloom now gathered around the captain. "I have had a few rough times in this job but, strictly in terms of the cricket, this is among the worst," he said.

"We have too many batsmen out of nick, too many bowlers who can't put the ball in the right place, and the injury situation is restricting our mobility in the field. This is a game we expected to win and of course I get angry, but to sit around moping about these results gets you nowhere."

Atherton, cleared to resume playing after a cortisone injection in his troublesome back, lost the toss for the third consecutive international. Zimbabwe scored 60 from the first 15 overs, but Gough took two wickets in three balls and one more breach at that point would surely have been decisive. Instead, England were prepared to fall back and allow Grant Flower and the accomplished Dave Houghton to work the ball into gaps. Flower carried his bat for 84 and Houghton, the Worcestershire coach, made a most polished 57. Their stand of 110 in 24 overs was admirably composed and, ultimately, the difference between the teams.

Not for the first time, Zimbabwe's lower order was meek. Their last seven wickets fell for 34 inside ten overs and, after looking at a potential 235, they had to settle for 205. This looked utterly inadequate when Graham Gooch began to time the ball well against the Zimbabwe seamers, and although Atherton was out to a poor shot, England remained in command until the novice leg spinner, Paul Strang, came on for the seventeenth over.

Within four balls, the game turned. His first was the slowest of long hops and Gooch, undecided where to deposit it, flapped back a return catch. Graham Thorpe misread two googlies and a leg break and was out to the third of them, an embarrassing exit that left England at 60 for three.

Hick and John Crawley added 45, but it took them 16 overs against modest slow bowling. When Crawley worked across a straight one, Stewart emerged for the role of wounded hero, and looked like carrying it off until an ugly mow against Heath Streak presaged the final capitulation.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Udal, left, shows his frustration after his dismissal had completed England's World Series Cup defeat against Zimbabwe yesterday

SCOREBOARD

ZIMBABWE

*†A Flower c Stewart b Fraser (22min, 15 balls)	12
G W Flower not out (198mm, 143 balls, 6 fours)	84
A D R Campbell b Gough (43min, 30 balls, 1 six, 3 fours)	23
G J Whittall c Stewart b Gough (2min, 2 balls)	0
D L Houghton c Stewart b Gough (83min, 74 balls, 3 fours)	57
M H Dekker c DeFreitas b Fraser (11min, 8 balls)	5
G C Martin b DeFreitas (15min, 11 balls)	7
P A Strang run out (DeFreitas) (1min, 2 balls)	0
H H Streak run out (Gooch/Tufnell) (5min, 3 balls)	1
S G Peall c Stewart b Gough (2min, 2 balls)	0
D H Brain b Gough (3min, 8 balls, 1 four)	7
Extras (lb 7, w 1, nb 1)	9
Total (49.3 overs, 198min)	205

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24 (G Flower 10 not out), 2-61 (G Flower 23), 3-61 (G Flower 23), 4-171 (G Flower 74), 5-179 (G Flower 77), 6-192 (G Flower 80), 7-192 (G Flower 80), 8-197 (G Flower 83), 9-198 (G Flower 84).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-2-27-1 (w 1; 8-1-26-0, 2-1-1-1); Fraser 10-0-45-2 (nb 1, 8-0-27-1, 4-0-18-1), Gough 9.3-0-44-5 (5-0-17-2, 3-0-17-1, 1.3-0-10-2); Tufnell 10-0-43-0 (one spell), Udal 8-0-31-0 (4-0-19-0, 3-0-11-0, 1-0-1-0); Hick 2-0-8-0 (one spell)

ENGLAND

G A Gooch c and b Strang (69min, 54 balls, 3 fours)	38
*M A Atherton c A Flower b Whittall (55min, 38 balls)	14
G A Hick run out (Brain/A Flower) (130min, 88 balls, 1 four)	64
G P Thorpe lbw b Strang (4min, 3 balls)	0
J P Crawley lbw b Dekker (50min, 55 balls)	18
†A J Stewart b Streak (59min, 38 balls, 2 fours)	29
P A J DeFreitas run out (Martin/A Flower) (6min, 3 balls)	5
D Gough b Streak (7min, 4 balls)	2
S D Udal run out (Streak) (11min, 9 balls, 1 four)	10
A R C Fraser b Dekker (4min, 3 balls)	2
P C R Tufnell not out (1min, 0 balls)	0
Extras (lb 5, w 5)	10
Total (49.1 overs, 198min)	192

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49 (Gooch 29 not out), 2-60 (Hick 1), 3-60 (Hick 1), 4-105 (Hick 28), 5-169 (Hick 60), 6-178 (Hick 64), 7-179 (Gough 1), 8-181 (Udal 1), 9-192 (Udal 10).

BOWLING: Brain 8-1-27-0 (w 1; one spell); Streak 8.1-1-38-2 (w 2; 5-1-15-0, 3.1-0-21-2); Whittall 4-1-21-1 (w 2; one spell); Strang 10-2-30-2 (7-2-13-2, 3-0-17-0), Peall 10-2-28-0 (one spell); Dekker 9-0-44-2 (4-0-13-1, 2-0-13-0, 3-0-18-1).

Umpires: D B Hair and C D Timmins

Man of the match: G W Flower.

□ *Compiled by Bill Frindall*

TABLE

	P	W	L	Pts
Australia	4	4	0	8
Australia A	4	2	2	4
England	3	1	2	2
Zimbabwe	5	1	4	2

Aga Khan declares truce over dope test procedures

BY JULIAN MUSSAT

THE Aga Khan yesterday ended his four-year boycott of British racing in protest at the disqualification of the 1989 Oaks winner, Aliysa. He will have his first runners in Britain next season since he withdrew his string in 1990, and will put horses in training again in Britain from 1996.

The Aga Khan announced his comeback in response to the imminent introduction of new dope testing procedures, unveiled by the Jockey Club yesterday. His spokesman, Gerry Wilkinson, said: "I can announce we are coming back. We will race in Britain next year and have horses in training in Britain in 1996."

The Aga Khan, racing's leading owner-breeder, turned his back on Britain after Aliysa was disqualified for failing a dope test. He vowed not to return unless changes were made to the Jockey Club's drug testing procedures. But the establishment of a system under which all positive dope tests will undergo counter-analysis at a second laboratory, which comes into effect from January 2next year, has won his support.

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Earlier this week the Aga entered 24 yearlings for the 1996 Vodafone Derby, and most of his demands have been met by the creation of two committees of scientific experts to monitor the procedures followed by Britain's Horseracing Forensic Laboratory (HFL) and oversee the counter-analysis.

He said: "I am confident that any outstanding questions I may have will be satisfactorily addressed in a continuing atmosphere of mutual trust."

The Aga Khan, who won three Derbys in the 1980s with Shergar, Shahrastani and Kahyasi, withdrew his string of 90 horses, split between Michael Stoute and Luca Cumani, at the end of 1990.

Both trainers have yet to learn whether they will be asked to train for the Aga Khan in 1996. Stoute, who trained Aliysa, said: "Every lover of British racing will welcome the Aga Khan's return."

McCumber's first-round lead finds local favour



Andrew Longmore enjoys advice from a Tryall sage while watching the world championship pacesetter

Hubert's business card says it all: "Hubert Samuel Russell — exceptional caddie". But Hubert was not carrying the bag yesterday; he was raking the bunkers, keeping his own counsel and watching with a knowing smile as 24 of golf's finest did battle with the Tryall course in Jamaica in the first round of the Johnnie Walker world championship.

Some of them could have benefited from his local knowledge, a snip at Jam$478 (about £10) a day. Craig Parry, for example, who disappeared into the ravine at the first and took a six, or John Huston, who had a nightmare on the undulating seventh. The Tryall course can get "real ticklish" on its windy days, Hubert says. Yesterday was ticklish, only because near 90-degree heat and high humidity made golf uncomfortable.

Hubert followed Mark McCumber and spent most of his day leaning on his rake. The stocky American was in prime form, setting the early pace with a round of 67 and reducing Hubert to a gentle nod of approval. "Not bad, not bad. Very solid."

He has been carrying bags round the Tryall course since 1961, when the clubhouse was an old outbuilding, the rough was thigh high and the chances of a championship course being fashioned out of the swampland and the cottonwood of north-west Jamaica seemed as fantastic as some of the tales of derring-do narrated over the draughts table in the caddie shack most mornings. Hubert does not care to estimate how many times he has walked round the course, but will tell you about some of the bad players he has seen: "So bad, I just wanted to take the clubs from them and do it myself." They remind him of his first trade: "Butchery. That's what I was going to do until I found the golf course."

He began caddying at the Fairfield Country Club down the road from his home in Hope Well and learnt the game himself in the afternoons with a club hacked out of logwood with a machete. He is 68, but at least boasts his own set of clubs now. All the 60 or so caddies who work the Tryall course enjoy the week. The only thing that bothers them is that none of the regular professional caddies seek their advice. Faldo is Hubert's favourite player. Two years ago, he tried to teach Fanny Sunesson, Faldo's caddy, how to carry the bag on her head. "She was no good at it, dallying this way and then the other way until the clubs fell off."

Faldo did not let him down in the early part of the day. He birdied the first, courtesy of a 20-foot putt, and plodded his way to the turn in two under par, while his playing partner, Seve Ballesteros, found nooks and crannies beyond even Hubert's experience.

The Spaniard's tee-shot on the fourth was buried deep in some scrub behind a wall and was lost, but two immaculate woods and a 60-foot pitch later, he had salvaged the unlikeliest par of the day. The following five holes were no less eventful, three birdies, two bogeys and an outward nine of 34, one under par. Clearly, nobody had told Seve about Hubert's motto for conquering Tryall: "Best stick to the fairways, man."

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SPECIAL ISSUE

RUGBY WORLD

SPECIAL REVIEW OF THE YEAR

In 1994, a player was tried for manslaughter after an opponent died, others were punched, bitten and kicked in the head

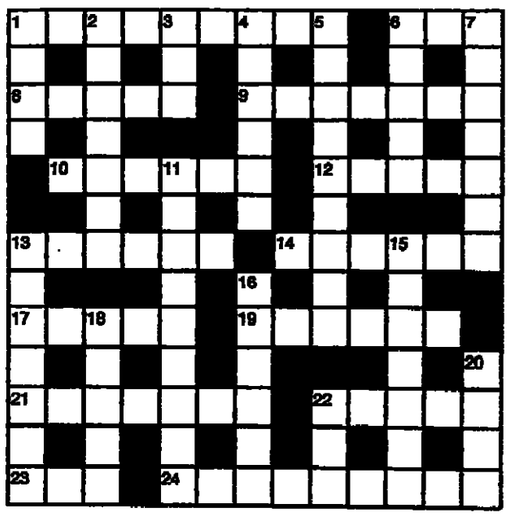
It was a year of VIOLENCE

FREE GIFT
Rugby World Kicking Tee

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

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No 346

ACROSS

1 Quarrelsome (relationship) (3-3-3)
6 Morass (3)
8 Flaw; culpability (5)
9 Bit for horse; steal (7)
10 Crowd (6)
12 Quietly in hiding (5)
13 Conceit; worthlessness (6)
14 Brave in face of danger (6)
17 Stunted (5)
19 Regard highly (6)
21 Zero (7)
22 Distinct period within event sequence (5)
23 Part of circle circumference (3)
24 Oriental person (9)

DOWN

1 Wrist of shirt (4)
2 Make hardier (7)
3 Infesting egg; picked by the fussy (3)
4 Invent, plan (6)
5 All the tricks (bridge) (5,4)
6 Thoroughly confuse (5)
7 Pope who codified plain-song (7)
11 Failing to conform (3,2,4)
13 Upanishad-based Hindu philosophy (7)
15 Sure (7)
16 Burns's *pudding chieftain* (6)
18 Top room (5)
20 Malt/hop drink (4)
22 Edgar Allan -, US writer (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 345

ACROSS: 7 Live and learn 9 Arcadia 10 Cargo 11 Iced 12 Bestowed 15 Bitterly 17 Pool 19 Tabor 21 Allegro 22 Out of the blue

DOWN: 1 Discreet 2 Seedy 3 Insane 4 Placate 5 Parr 6 In cold blood 8 Panic button 13 Wrongful 14 Petrify 16 Loathe 18 Globe 20 Butt

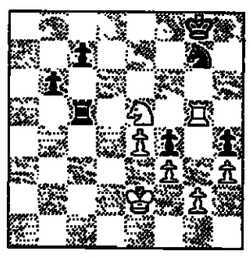
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Mieses - Alekhine, Mannheim 1914.

Here, it looks as if Black should play 1 ... b5, with a winning march of the b-pawn, but Alekhine rejected this. Can you see why, and what he played instead?



Solution, page 34
Raymond Keene, page 6

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HONGI
a. The pressing of noses
b. A flat fish
c. A tall evergreen

BEATENEST
a. The runt
b. The best
c. The most flat

FLAXY
a. Worker in a flax-mill
b. A loose man
c. A cleaner

COHO
a. A team member
b. A species of salmon
c. A large bird

Answers on page 34

Other Britons: 72: C Hall, 74: K Douglas

with the defending European

Henary: impressive

W Thorne (Eng) 5-2.